

## The Oasis Centre - Cornwall

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### Looking Out for ..... Crowded Places

Number 40 in a series of notes on important issues.

You read it in the papers. Another atrocity, a bomb, a terrorist attack, innocent people killed or maimed in another place, perhaps far away or perhaps closer to home – perhaps somewhere you visited last week or a year ago. Sadly, news such as this can seem like a normal feature of modern life. Inside, you wonder – what if it happened to me? This sort of thing doesn't happen in Cornwall, does it?

In 2017, the government published 'Crowded Places Guidance'. The logo reproduced below give a hint of its scope. It is very detailed and it runs to 175 pages. That is an awful lot of reading. It is tempting to say – 'I can't be bothered with all that'. The reaction is a common one and totally understandable.



It is not possible to summarise the document in a couple of paragraphs. It can be found easily on the Internet however -

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/820082/170614\\_crowded-places-guidance\\_v1b.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/820082/170614_crowded-places-guidance_v1b.pdf)

It is well designed and user-friendly (given the task it sets out to address) and it contains some key messages on personal security, 'RUN, TELL, HIDE' if you are caught up in an incident, and the pointers to (and reasons behind) what might be suspicious activity.

It is worth a look (more than just a look, frankly) and you might pick up a tip that could save somebody's life, perhaps your own.

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