

# Counter-Terrorism Handbook

Police National Legal Database

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This accessible handbook provides all police practitioners with an operational guide to anti-terrorism legislation, as well as offering important contextual chapters on the counter-terrorism operational framework, the national structures and strategies, and the role and functions of key agencies.

This unique title offers readers both an informative history and context as well as an accessible guide to the law. It describes the police counter-terrorism structure, the government's CONTEST strategy, and the roles and functions of key organizations. It also contains case studies of counter-terrorism investigations and provides practical scenarios and checklists to illustrate the operational application of the legislation. The legislative section is compiled by the highly regarded Police National Legal Database (PNLD), with extracts focusing primarily on police powers, procedures, and offences. These provisions are accompanied by explanatory notes, related case law, and points to prove, ensuring that the information is easily comprehensible and digestible.

Designed in a portable and weatherproof style, this book is an ideal practical resource for all operational officers and is the first of its kind to be aimed specifically at the police and their counter-terrorism training needs.

- Includes a profile of each terrorist group outlawed in the UK under the provisions of the Terrorism Act 2000.
- Summarizes the roles and functions of key organizations and outlines the government's CONTEST strategy.
- Includes case studies and practical scenarios to illustrate the practical application of the legislation.
- Legislation is drawn from the highly respected PNLD and outlined in a manner easy to understand and apply—a quick and easy reference tool for operational officers.

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