



Vehicles & Terrorism

BVRLA members own and operate almost 5 million vehicles; that's 1-in-8 cars, 1-in-5 vans and 1-in-5 trucks on UK roads. As a key part of the new vehicle supply chain, members buy almost half of all new vehicles sold in the UK and sell hundreds of thousands of relatively new vehicles each year.

By working with the BVRLA and its members, policymakers can affect change and deliver results far quicker.

What we are asking of policymakers:

- ✓ To engage with the BVRLA and its members to ensure a collective and coordinated approach from government, law enforcement and industry.
- ✓ To support the vehicle rental industry to develop a compulsory national accreditation scheme, endorsed by government and delivered by accredited industry experts, such as the BVRLA.
- ✓ To protect vehicle rental operators and their insurers from the impact of terrorism to ensure that they can continue to provide cost-effective insurance.
- ✓ To take a balanced and proportionate approach when introducing new measures to tackle the issue.

Top 5 key messages:

- **The BVRLA and its members continue to work** with law enforcement and government to explore ways of sharing data to help make the vehicle rental sector a hostile environment for terrorists.
- **The vehicle rental industry can help to deter terrorists** by increasing visibility of, and demonstrating increased collaboration with counter-terrorism agencies.
- **The BVRLA is encouraging members to support the national ACT campaign** to help increase counter-terrorism awareness and vigilance amongst employees and customers of the vehicle rental sector.
- **The vehicle rental industry takes security very seriously** and the BVRLA has long-established processes in place to share information on the latest security threats and best practice.
- **The BVRLA has been accredited by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office to deliver specialist training** to increase awareness and provide guidance to the vehicle rental sector on how to tackle terrorist threats.

Recent BVRLA activity:

- Working with members and trainers to develop training
- Discussions with the Strategic Rental Group
- Commission report from the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR)
- Discussions with Association of British Insurers (ABI) and the Motor Insurers Bureau (MIB) to discuss minimising risk
- Meetings with Transport security specialists in Government: Home Office, Office of Security & Counter Terrorism and DfT
- Meetings with National Counter Terrorism Policing HQ
- Discussions with communications professionals across Government and law enforcement to coordinate messaging

The issue explained:

In 2017, we saw a spate of terrorist attacks where rental vehicles were used as ramming weapons causing death and destruction in the UK and around the world.

Analysis of terrorist literature has shown that commercial vehicles are a preferred weapon of choice.

Western governments believe that this type of terrorism is likely to become more prevalent.

Protecting public spaces from vehicle attacks is a top priority for governments.

Government and the vehicle rental sector are both under pressure to take action.

These attacks are also having a major impact on the insurance market, where members and their insurers have faced multi-million personal compensation bills.

Some insurers have since increased premiums or withdrawn from the market.

The vehicle rental market in the UK is one of the largest in Europe, managing well over 500,000 cars, vans and trucks estimated to be worth £1.25 billion¹.

1 2015 Study by KPMG

We are calling upon members to help with:

Actively promoting our counter terrorism messaging

Increasing training to embed a culture of vigilance amongst staff

Providing us with information to feedback the impact of terrorism

Coordinating engagement with law enforcement, policymakers and others affecting our sector

Please use our hashtag:

#LetsTalkVehicleTerror