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Dear SSWG Member,

### **TERRORISM ALERT: TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BRUSSELS**

On 22 March 2016, Brussels came under a terror attack with a series of coordinated suicide bomb explosions that occurred at Zaventem Airport and Maelbeek metro station, both major transport sites with high human traffic. These attacks were coordinated to achieve maximum public visibility and create a climate of fear. The Police emphasise the **need to be vigilant, resilient and united in the face of these threats**.

2. In view of the current threat environment, Police recommend that buildings and areas with high human traffic step up security and vigilance against suspicious activities. Security managers and staff should:

- a. Keep an eye out for people who may exhibit suspicious behaviour (e.g. expressing interest in content that promotes extremist ideologies and violence, displaying insignia or symbols in support of terrorist groups, etc).
- b. Look out for suspicious persons loitering in and around the building.
- c. Be alert for unattended parcels and bags.
- d. Do not touch or move the suspicious items.
- e. Move away from it and warn people in the area to stay away.
- f. Conduct frequent and visible patrols at lobbies, atriums, car parks, driveways and other locations with high human traffic.

3. If something is amiss, call Police immediately, and identify the suspicious person, parcel or vehicle by noting their characteristics:

- a. For persons – gender, height, attire, behaviour, direction headed to, and what they are carrying.
- b. For parcels – shape, size, packaging, markings, location of suspected article(s).
- c. For vehicles – colour, make, model, registration number and special markings.





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4. In the event of a firearms and weapons attack, stay calm, do not panic and adopt the following 'Stay Safe' Principles of '**Run, Hide, Tell**'<sup>1</sup>. Annex A has further details on this.
  
5. The cornerstone of Singapore's counter-terrorism strategy must be a community response plan enhancing community vigilance, community cohesion, and community resilience. The three prongs are: **Stay Alert, Stay United, Stay Strong**. A new national movement called "SG Secure" to sensitise, organise, train and exercise Singaporeans to better protect ourselves from a terrorist attack will be rolled out later in the year. You may refer to <https://www.mha.gov.sg/sgsecure> for more information.
  
6. Lastly, if you detect any suspicious activity/articles/persons in your vicinity, please call '999' for urgent Police assistance or contact the Police hotline at 1800 – 255 0000 or the ISD Counter-Terrorism Centre at 1800-2626-473 (1800-2626-ISD). Together, we can make our neighbourhood a safe and secure one for everyone.

Yours Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> The 'Stay Safe' Principles of 'Run, Hide, Tell' are adapted from <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/recognising-the-terrorist-threat/recognising-the-terrorist-threat>



**'STAY SAFE' PRINCIPLES OF 'RUN, HIDE, TELL'**

In the rare event of a firearms or weapons attack:

**RUN**

- Consider the safest route
- Stay out of view of the attackers
- Insist others leave with you
- Leave your belongings behind

**HIDE**

- Find cover from gunfire and stay out of sight
- Lock yourself in but do not get trapped
- Move away from doors
- Be very quiet and switch your phone to silent mode

**TELL**

- Call the police at 999
- Give your location and where you last saw the attackers
- Give the direction the attackers are moving in
- Provide details about the attackers
  - number of attackers, features, clothing, weapons

**Additional points**

- If safe to do so, stop others from going towards danger areas.
- When confronted by the Police, follow their instructions and do not make any sudden movements.