POPS incidents

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Post-incident procedures following death or serious injury

In the event that a member of the public dies or receives serious injury following police contact during an event or operation, forces should follow the guidance given in the **Post-incident procedures following death or serious injury APP**.

Gold public order public safety (POPS) commanders should also ensure that the relevant postincident procedures are implemented and followed in such incidents.

Critical incident management

POPS commanders, public order public safety advisers (POPSAs) and POPS planners should plan for a POPS events or operation to develop into a critical incident.

A critical incident is defined as 'any incident where the effectiveness of the police response is likely to have a significant impact on the confidence of the victim, their family and/or the community'.

Critical incidents can be both external (public facing) and internal (confined to a police force and its staff).

Specific guidance on critical incidents is contained in the Critical incident management APP.

