

# Public and personal safety training - Guidance overview

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This authorised professional practice (APP) provides information to police forces when delivering public and personal safety training (PPST). It's aimed at:

- senior leaders who have the overall responsibility for the thematic portfolio for PPST – they should be a minimum rank of assistant chief constable (ACC), assistant chief officer (ACO) or equivalent
- trainers and instructors responsible for delivering, developing and designing PPST tactics

It's also relevant to:

- regional and force learning and development leads
- all operational staff, including special constabulary officers, who have direct contact with the public and may be required to protect themselves or another – this may be on a regular, day-to-day basis or occasional operational duties
- non-operational staff, regardless of rank, who may occasionally perform operational roles or duties that may require them to protect themselves or another
- non-Home Office police forces and partner organisations who use PPST, such as Border Force, Immigration Enforcement and the National Crime Agency
- partner agencies, such as the Home Office, the Independent Office for Police Conduct, and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services

The [conflict management guidelines](#) and [equality impact assessment](#) should be read alongside this APP.

When the term 'staff' appears, this refers to all police officers and staff unless a specific role is stated. Where this occurs, the term will only be relevant to the section in which it appears.

# Obligations

Senior leaders have duties under the [Equality Act 2010](#), [Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974](#), [Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999](#), [Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013](#) and associated regulations that have a direct link to PPST.

This APP will assist the organisation, chief officer, commissioner or equivalent to meet their obligations under health and safety legislation. This APP aims to:

- improve standards in relation to PPST
- support the continual development of the PPST programme
- ensure the continued safety and welfare of police staff and members of the public

The national strategic governance for PPST is via the self-defence, arrest and restraint (SDAR) panel, which is a sub-committee chaired by the National Police Chiefs' Council lead of this portfolio.

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