

# Lidos



## Terrorism threat to lidos

- It is highly unlikely that terrorist actors would have the intent to conduct an attack against lidos in the UK. Previous terrorist attacks in the UK have demonstrated the intent of terrorist actors to conduct mass-casualty, high-profile attacks in proximity to major sites. Lidos are highly unlikely to be attractive targets for terrorist actors in the UK.
- It is highly likely that any terrorist attack conducted against a lido in the UK would be conducted by an individual or small cell using a low sophistication methodology. E.g., Bladed or Blunt Force Weapons, Vehicle as a Weapon, or Fire as a Weapon.
- There is a realistic possibility that terrorist actors in the UK could have the capability to conduct a high-sophistication attack at lidos in the UK. E.g., Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), Person Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (PBIED), or Firearms attack. The complicated nature of plotting a high-sophistication terrorist attack makes it highly likely that there would be greater opportunity for UK police and security services to disrupt potential attacks.
- There is a realistic possibility that the terrorist threat to lidos could be heightened by surrounding facilities. E.g., Multi-facility sites in proximity to lidos (E.g., those with cafés, gyms, sports fields, etc.) could be attractive targets for terrorist actors in the UK seeking to conduct mass-casualty, indiscriminate attacks.
- The assessments in this report were made using the PHIA Probability Yardstick, for further information please see the Assessment Methodology [section below](#).

## Location based threats to lidos in the UK

- It is likely that there would be an increased terrorism threat to lidos in major cities and those in proximity to iconic sites and/or major transport hubs. There is a realistic possibility that lidos located in proximity to iconic sites and/or busy public spaces could be impacted by a Marauding Terrorist Attack in proximity to their site.
- There is a realistic possibility that terrorist actors in the UK could seek to conduct an attack against lidos that are located in smaller towns and cities in the UK due to the lack of other suitable targets in the nearby area compared to more urban environments.

## Previous terrorist incidents related to lidos in the UK and overseas

- At this time, there have been no previous terrorist attacks conducted against lidos globally.

## Other potential threats to lidos in the UK

- There is a realistic possibility that there could be a heightened threat to lidos during peak opening hours, such as during weekends, school holidays, and/or during summer periods and heatwaves, etc.
- It is almost certain that any terrorist actor with the intent to conduct an attack against a lido would have open access to the site and the capability to conduct uninterrupted hostile reconnaissance due to the relaxed security posture and publicly accessible nature of lidos in the UK.
- There is a realistic possibility that the threat posed to lidos in the UK could be heightened by the presence of high-profile individuals, politicians, celebrities etc. E.g., An Extreme Right-Wing terrorist could conduct an attack against a controversial pro-immigration politician at their local lido having carried out online hostile reconnaissance of the individual.
- There is a realistic possibility that staff employed at lidos in the UK could pose an Insider Threat. E.g., Staff employed at lidos could allow terrorist actors to access chemical substances used at swimming pool facilities in order to facilitate an attack.

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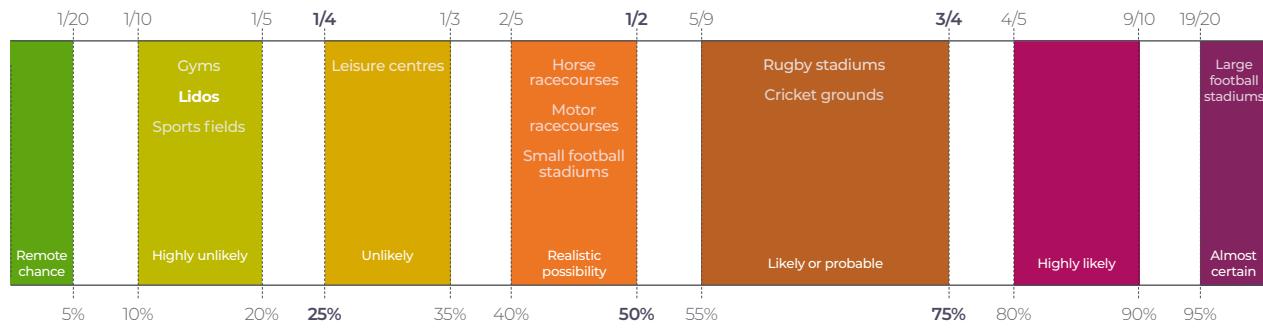
## Threat visualisation

The diagram below outlines the intent of terrorist actors in the UK to conduct attacks against lidos within the arts, culture and entertainment sector.

Terrorist intent can be defined as the desire and/or determination of an individual to conduct an attack against any given site.

The intent of terrorist actors to conduct an attack against the arts, culture and entertainment sector in the UK is subject to change based on the assessments outlined in this report.

**Note:** The terrorism threat to any given site is not based solely on intent, but also the capability of terrorist actors in the UK as outlined in this report. Terrorism threat is also mitigated by the UK's countrywide terrorism risk mitigation infrastructure including both public and private security and safety capabilities.



### Assessment Methodology

The assessments made in this report have been made using the Professional Head of Intelligence's "Probability Yardstick" (above). The Probability Yardstick is a standardised instrument used to provide a professional standard for intelligence assessment.

- **Almost certain:** An event has a greater than 90% chance of occurring.
- **Highly likely:** An event has a 76% to 90% chance of occurring.
- **Likely:** An event has a 55% to 75% chance of occurring.
- **Realistic possibility:** An event has a 40% to 54% chance of occurring.
- **Unlikely:** An event has a 25% to 39% chance of occurring.
- **Highly unlikely:** An event has an 10% to 24% chance of occurring.
- **Remote chance:** An event has a less than 10% chance of occurring.

### Time spans

- **Short Term:** 0–6 Months.
- **In the next 12 months.**
- **Medium Term:** 12 months–5 Years.
- **Long Term:** 5+ Years.

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