Eight statutes carry the freight. No single standard joins them.

Safer-by-design is two worlds that rarely meet: the public realm on one side, critical sites on the other. Martyn's Law is the newest bridge between them. Six propositions close the gap, and none of them needs new legislation. Here is what you need from the paper, on one page.

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Closing the gap between public-realm and critical-site security, and treating safe-by-design as one discipline.

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THE FIGURES

8 statutes

Carry the safe-by-design freight — CDM, the Building Safety Act, Martyn's Law, SEMD and others.

3 Apr 2025 Martyn's Law

Royal Assent for the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act — the newest bridge between the two worlds.

17 CDM prosecutions

In the year to early 2024. CDM 2015 is the strongest single statutory foundation.

209,079 offences

Sexual offences recorded in England and Wales in the year to March 2025 — the everyday-safety scale.

£1.2bn ring-fenced

Security spending inside the water price review under SEMD — the funding model that works.

6 propositions

None of them requires new statute.



Six figures here. Six findings behind them, each with a confidence level and a named UK source.

CURRENCY — READ THIS FIRST

Every figure traces to the UK statute book, HSE and British Safety Council prosecution data, ONS and Home Office recorded crime, or Ofwat. Martyn's Law received Royal Assent on 3 April 2025 and its implementation period was running at the paper's drafting date, so check where the guidance has reached. The absence of a single integrated UK standard is GridteamAI's own assessment, and the paper labels it as such.

GRIDTEAMAI INTERPRETATION

What the figures mean 📊

Two worlds, one discipline. Public-realm safety and critical-site security are governed, funded and staffed separately, and the people designing a building rarely meet the people who will secure it.

The law is there; the join is not. Eight statutes carry real duties, and CDM 2015 is the strongest of them because it puts safety at the design stage rather than the operating stage.

Martyn's Law is the bridge, and it is new. The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act pulls venue security into the same frame as building safety for the first time.

Water has already solved the funding problem. Ring-fencing £1.2 billion for security inside the price review makes it a funded output rather than a residual cost.

AT MANAGER LEVEL

What you can do with it 👍

- Start at CDM 2015. Designing out risk is a duty, not an aspiration.
- Read Martyn's Law implementation guidance against your own venue and site estate.
- Use the NPSA, RIBA and ISO material for the bridges that already exist.

AT BOARD OR DIRECTOR LEVEL

- Treat safe-by-design as one discipline with one owner, not two budgets.
- Copy the water funding model. Ring-fence security inside the price control rather than bidding for it.
- Note that none of the six propositions needs new legislation. The blocker is coordination, not law.

WHERE THIS COMES FROM

Primary sources: The UK statute book — CDM 2015, the Building Safety Act and the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 · HSE and British Safety Council prosecution data · ONS and Home Office recorded crime · Ofwat PR24 and SEMD security funding. **The full volume** runs to six findings — of the six set out in full, six carry HIGH confidence — plus a glossary of named entities and a one-page Director's Six-Check tear-out.

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