

# Elected Representative Safety & Security

## Police Service of Northern Ireland Advice and Guidance

Elected representatives and their teams are routinely the subject of unacceptable abuse, threats and other criminality. This is completely unacceptable and the Police Service of Northern Ireland is serious about tackling the issue.

### What are Police doing?

- **Joint working** with NI Assembly, NILGA and other partners.
  - Building understanding of the issue.
- A focus on **prevention** of crimes and incidents.
- Providing **advice and guidance**.
  - Crime Prevention.  
Premises surveys and risk assessments.
  - Cyber Crime.
  - Online Resources.
- **Dedicated Elected Representative Safety Officer** and strategy.

### What can you do?

- **Report any incidents or suspicious activity**  
Our policing response is influenced by what we know.
- **Engage with your local police teams if you have any wider security concerns.**
- **Ask us for advice** – there is a wealth of information available on our website.
- **Be aware of potential threats, both online and offline**, and take them seriously. This includes monitoring social media for harmful or threatening messages and reporting these.
- Think about the security of your staff and discuss it with them.

### How to report?



If you feel, you or others are in immediate danger, call police on **999**.

Please report all other suspected criminal matters via **101** or online.

Working with partners Police Service of Northern Ireland have produced **written guidance** for elected representatives and their staff. This contains crucial information on staying safe, steps to prevent physical and online abuse, how the Police Service can support them and when to report an incident to police.

**This guidance and other practical safety advice is available via the QR code.**

report online  [psni.police.uk](http://psni.police.uk)



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