SAFE
SECURITY ADVICE FOR EVERYONE

by CST

Bringing communities together



PROGRAMME REPORT 2024

INTRODUCTION

SAFE - Security Advice For Everyone - is an initiative by the Community Security Trust (CST) to improve the security of the UK's faith, minority and other communities vulnerable to violence, extremism or hate crime.



Everyone has the right to lead their life in safety and security.

SAFE shares CST's security knowledge with groups outside the Jewish community that are vulnerable to violence, extremism or hate crime.

Vision

Over the decades, CST has built a substantial body of security knowledge. SAFE freely shares this knowledge and aims to build community cohesion by bringing people together with a common goal.

Mission

CST's SAFE programme delivers free talks, webinars and training materials on the safety and security of community premises, places of worship, community members and individuals. Our mission is to help other communities improve their own security.

OUR PROGRAMME

The SAFE Journey

Community Security Trust

CST is a Jewish charity dedicated to protecting the Jewish community from harm. It provides security at the UK Jewish community's 650 communal buildings and 1000 community events a year.

Before SAFE

CST believes that building better relations across communities is key to reducing prejudice and bigotry of all forms. CST uses its expertise to make practical contributions across society. We have given security advice to Hindu Temples, Sikh Gurdwaras, Churches and Mosques around the UK, for many years.

SAFE's inception

The 2019 terror attacks on Muslims in Christchurch and Christians in Sri Lanka were a turning point in global awareness of terrorism. CST was inundated with requests for help and advice. We wanted to do something to help communities in the UK access security advice - and so we set up SAFE - **S**ecurity **A**dvice **F**or **E**veryone.

Outcome

Our talks and webinars help places of worship and other publicly accessible locations to implement security measures. We work with organisations and vulnerable communities, offering free advice and support.
Because we know that community is more than just a word. It's an obligation.
So why do we do this? Simply because we believe it's the right thing to do.



SAFE TOPICS

SAFE delivers topics as free ‘in-person’ talks or webinars. We have a list of pre-prepared presentations, but we can also adapt or combine topics - creating bespoke presentations to suit the requirement.

Introduction to Community Security
A 2-hour in-person talk covering a combination of several security topics.

Foundation Topics

Basic Security
From CCTV, to learning what is “suspicious". We look at personal safety, emergency procedures and IT security - raising your awareness of security.

Organising Security
Are you responsible for a security team or security & risk management? We look at creating a security team, risk assessments and crisis management.

Event Security
We offer advice on appropriate security measures to ensure the safety of large numbers of people and share some hints to assist in keeping your event safe.

School Security
We share our experience of keeping schools, and children, secure – looking at: daily operations, events & trips, training/managing staff and building community relations.

In-depth Studies

Security-Minded Comms
By adopting a security minded approach to your communications and online content, you can deny a hostile the valuable information they require, at little or no cost.

Lessons Learned from Past Terror Attacks
Learn from past incidents and use 'security planning & preparation' to foil future attacks.

Hostile Reconnaissance
Being able to identify, and deal with, behaviour which is unusual or out of the ordinary (suspicious) may save lives.

Martyn’s Law
A detailed explanation of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act and the implications for publicly accessible locations - including Places of Worship.

SAFE TOPICS

Practical Advice

Online Security
How to protect yourself and your community from online threats.
We provide hints and tips on how to stay safe online.

Women's Safety
Simple tips to keep you safe during your busy daily life. This topic focuses on Women's Safety – but the advice is, of course, useful for everyone!

Safeguarding Awareness
Keeping our most vulnerable safe is everyone's responsibility. Join us for a short introduction to safeguards and how you can play your part.

Conflict Management
Looking at verbal & non-verbal communication, conflict management styles, how to 'spot the signs' as a situation begins to escalate, de-escalation techniques.

Academic Studies

The Far Right
We explore the current state of the far right in the UK and discuss how their message is currently being spread and adapted to suit a changing social landscape.

Countering radicalisation
We look at the methods and tactics used by those who radicalise others, how conspiracy theorists work to alter people's mindsets and how we can protect against them.

Hate Crime
How to deal with the current 5 strands of hate crime. Focussing on the spread of hate speech and hatred – especially in the digital age.

Incels
How has the incel culture moved into the mainstream? We decode their language and demystify their beliefs, asking the question - are they villains or victims?

Bespoke Talks - examples

Scam Prevention
A gentle look at door, post, telephone and pension scams - developed for some 'Dementia Cafés'.

Misinformation
How disinformation is used to increase hatred and how to counter misinformation to ensure a proactive response within the prevent sphere - developed for police.

ANALYSIS

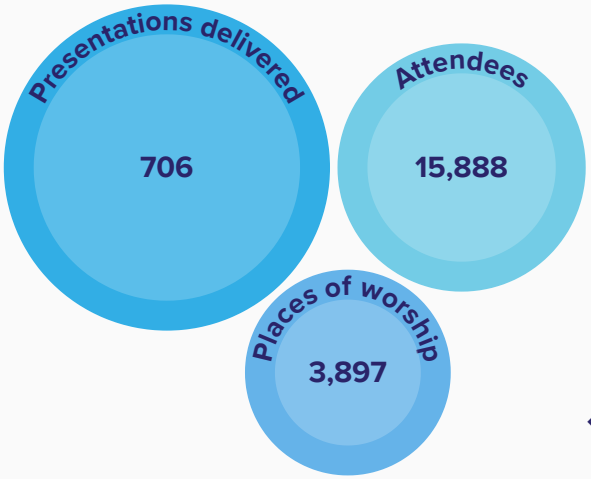
Since inception to 31st December 2024

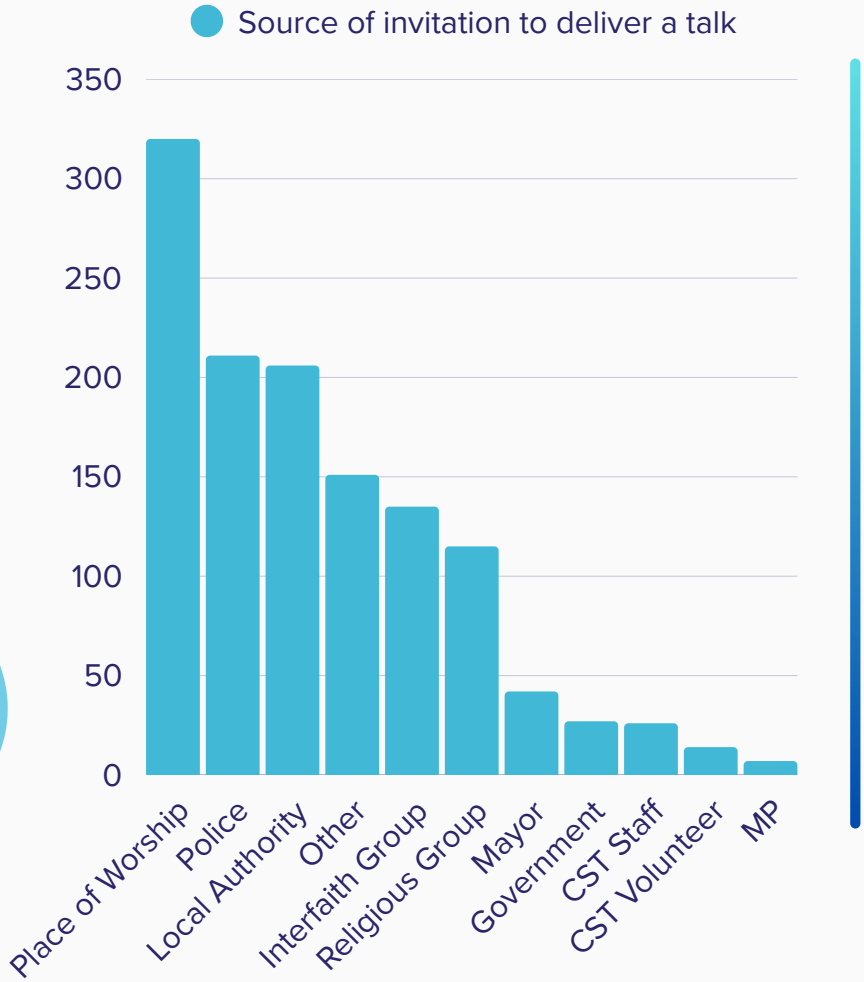
SAFE has received 1,423 requests for advice. We have met 706 of these requests by delivering 465 talks and 241 webinars attended by 15,888* people representing 3,897 places of worship and faith schools, as well as many other varied organisations.

*Includes duplicates as some people attended more that one talk



Requests for security advice from outside the Jewish community





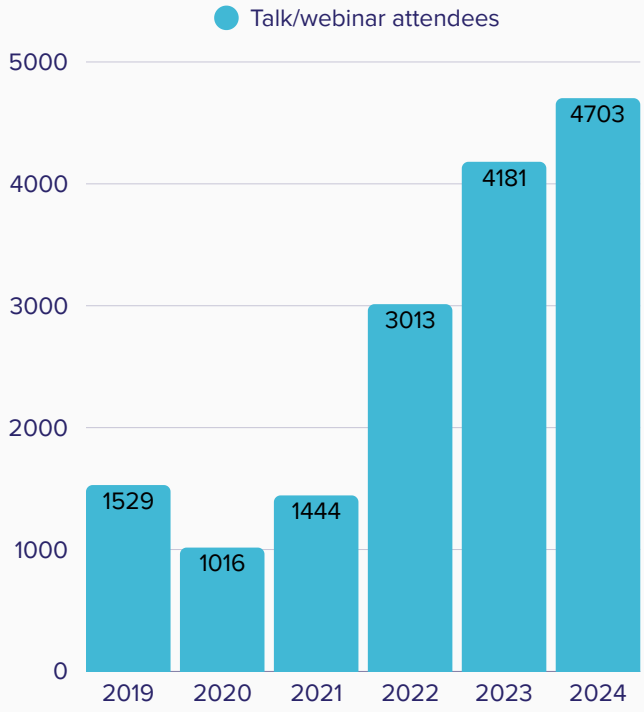
Collaboration

SAFE works with a diverse range of organisations, many of whom are directly involved in requesting talks for their own, or a wider, community.

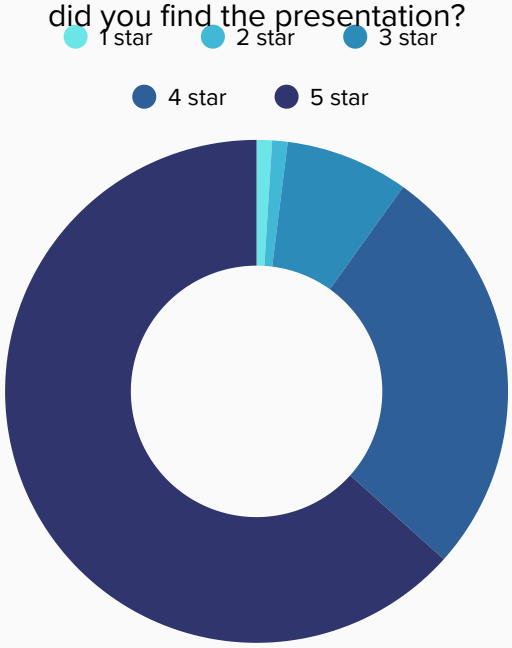
IMPACT

Engagement

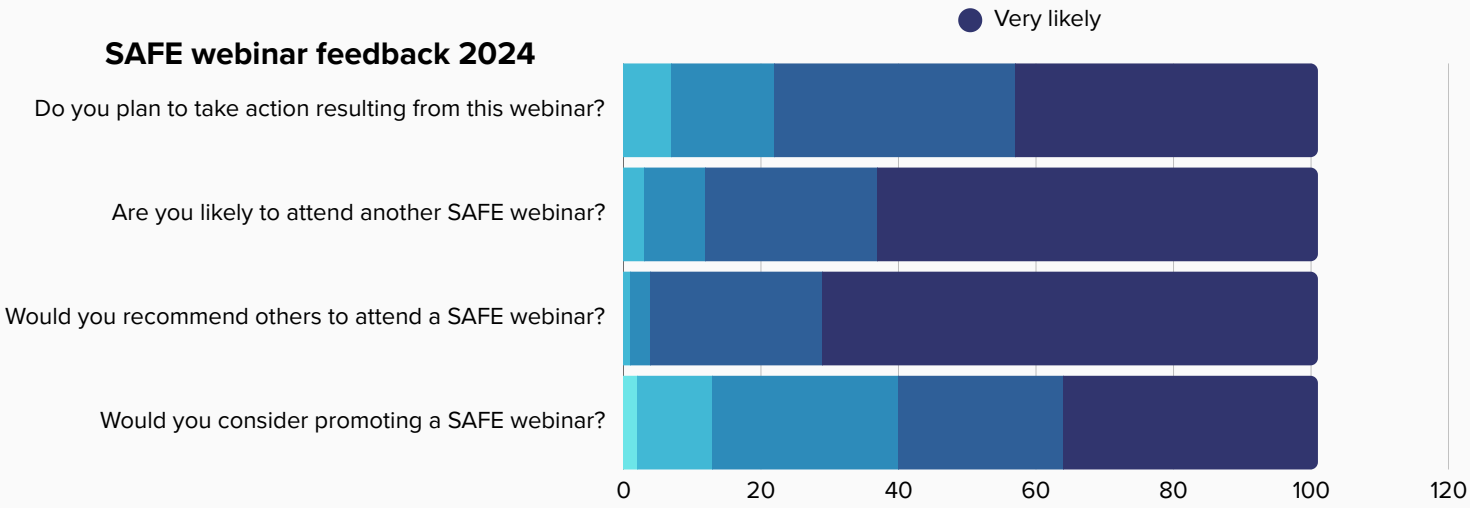
Since its inception in 2019, followed by the challenges of COVID, SAFE's small team has steadily increased the number of talks delivered and the size of its audience.



2024 Webinars: Overall, how informative did you find the presentation?



SAFE webinar feedback 2024



It is through partnership, through sharing and through friendship that we grow in safety. SAFE brings communities together.

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS



"Excellent, comprehensive and very practical"

"SAFE by CST is a unique charitable organisation that generously gives of its expertise, experience and resources to all faiths, helping us all keep ourselves, each other and our places of worship safe. Thank you."

"Highly recommended training for stronger and safer and communities"

"Sobering but impressive presentation. A lot of knowledge and information shared, thank you."

"Inclusive training to guard against those who are not inclusive"

SAFE are proud to work in partnership with the following organisations and projects:

...as well as many other police, local government, charitable and varied organisations.

CONCLUSION





The Future of SAFE

No one ever thinks anything bad will happen to them. In the UK, we live in relative peace and harmony.
But that's not always the case. We only need to look at recent events to know that random acts of violence are just that - random.





SAFE will continue to draw on CST's knowledge and experience in order to provide free support for the UK communities vulnerable to violence, extremism or hate crime. Working alongside a wide range of organisations, united in our aim of **"Bringing Communities Together"**.

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