



PROTECTING OUR  
JEWISH COMMUNITY



# A PARENT'S GUIDE TO CST

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# INTRODUCTION

Community Security Trust (CST) is a UK charity that advises and represents the Jewish community on matters of antisemitism, terrorism, policing and security.

CST received charitable status in 1994 and is recognised by the Police and Government as a best practice model of a minority-community security organisation.

CST receives reports of antisemitic incidents from victims, witnesses, their families, the Police, CST volunteers and other sources.

CST wants you to help us protect our Jewish community and your children.

CST works to give young people in our Jewish community the ability to lead confident and safe lives as British Jews and as members of wider society.

**CST ensures that every one of our communities, schools and synagogues is as safe as possible for you and your family.**

**This guide explains some of the many things CST does to protect you and your family and shows how you can help CST in this vital work.**

## SCHOOL SECURITY GUARD FUNDING

CST manages an annual Home Office grant of over £13 million, which subsidises professional guards at Jewish schools, youth camps, synagogues and communal buildings.

CST has a unique position in the UK as the only organisation to manage a government grant like this to Jewish institutions. As a parent, if your child attends a Jewish school or nursery they will benefit from CST's partnership with the Government every day.



## UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SUPPORT AND SECURITY

You may already have children at university or they may be looking at attending university in the future. CST works with campus authorities to tackle antisemitism on campus and support its victims.

CST has an excellent working relationship with Jewish student groups (such as the Union of Jewish Students), University Jewish Chaplaincy and Jewish Societies on campuses across the country.

CST has full time staff who oversee its involvement on campus, supporting those affected by antisemitism, including managing volunteer recruitment and training. Becoming a CST volunteer is a great way for a Jewish student to make friends and develop their personal safety and self-confidence, whilst contributing to a thriving Jewish campus life. Students can train as CST volunteers through a variety of training sessions during term time and over the university holidays.

If you would like to find out more information about your child joining their campus security team, please get in touch with our training department on [training@cst.org.uk](mailto:training@cst.org.uk) to find out more. We welcome all Jewish students to join this effort.

## STREETWISE

Streetwise is a partnership project between Maccabi GB and CST that works nationally with Jewish schools and community organisations, enhancing the personal safety and personal development of young Jewish people to support their physical and emotional wellbeing.

Streetwise delivers a broad educational curriculum in over 65 Jewish and non-Jewish primary and secondary schools, communal organisations, youth movements and through leadership programmes across the UK. This covers internet safety, antisemitism & discrimination, bullying, personal safety, relationships and sex education, leadership, Krav Maga and self-defence training. Streetwise's antisemitism education includes sessions on racism, discrimination and British values, plus university campus preparation sessions for 6th formers. Over the last five years Streetwise has reached over 23,000 young people each year.

For more information about Streetwise's primary or secondary school, synagogue or club sessions as well as youth movement summer camps or schemes and parent or teacher training sessions, please contact Streetwise on **020 8457 2331** or you can visit [www.streetwisegb.org](http://www.streetwisegb.org)



## SECURITY AT SYNAGOGUES, COMMUNAL BUILDINGS AND JEWISH EVENTS



As a parent, you may have benefitted from security provided by CST security volunteers at your local synagogue events, or at events like the Maccabi Community Fun Run, various Jewish festival celebrations, or public Chanukah candle lightings. CST protects over 600 communal buildings and over 1,000 communal events each year. These events can vary from large public rallies to local synagogue and community events.

Every synagogue should have a volunteer team who have been supported and trained by CST in how to protect their community. Security teams are provided with the equipment they need to fulfil their roles, including protective vests and digital radios, all provided free of charge. CST's 24/7 security control centre is on hand to provide immediate advice and, if necessary, physical support, in the event of an antisemitic incident.

## SECURITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: SCHOOLS, SYNAGOGUES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES



Hundreds of Jewish schools, nurseries, synagogues and communal buildings across the UK have benefitted from CST's advice and funding to help them enhance the security at their building.

CST's Security Enhancement Project funds security equipment, such as CCTV systems, fencing, anti-shatter window film, locks and alarms, at hundreds of Jewish buildings across the country. This project has committed and spent over £12 million to strengthen our community's buildings against attack. CST does not charge for its security advice and makes substantial financial contributions towards the costs of essential physical security measures and equipment when necessary.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP CST

### VOLUNTEER

CST needs volunteers to help protect our Jewish community. You can volunteer to take part in your school or synagogue security team and train to become a CST security volunteer. It is a great way to learn new skills and self-development, keep fit, meet people and play an active role in your community.

You can apply to become a CST Volunteer Security Officer and join the over 2,000 trained volunteers who secure our Jewish events and community hubs every week. All CST's training courses are free of charge. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a CST Volunteer Security Officer, or any other training offered by CST, please contact CST's training team:

- Email: [training@cst.org.uk](mailto:training@cst.org.uk)
- Website: [www.cst.org.uk/join-us](http://www.cst.org.uk/join-us)
- Phone (Southern Region): 020 8457 9999
- Phone (Northern Region): 0161 792 6666



## REPORT

Antisemitism should not be tolerated. Jewish people as individuals and the Jewish community as a whole should not be subject to hostile or intimidating behaviour because of their Jewishness. If you or anyone in your family experiences any antisemitism, such as verbal abuse, threats, graffiti or antisemitism on social media, please report it to CST. CST can provide support for you or your children, liaise with their school or university and help to report the incident to the Police.

Reporting antisemitism is the first step to standing up to it and putting a stop to it. Even small incidents can be part of a larger pattern of incidents and your report may help to identify the offenders and prevent further incidents. Reporting incidents also allows CST to collect follow-up evidence, like CCTV footage, especially when it is time-sensitive.

You can report incidents in a number of ways:

- Email: [incidents@cst.org.uk](mailto:incidents@cst.org.uk)
- Website: [www.cst.org.uk/report-incident](http://www.cst.org.uk/report-incident)
- Phone: **020 8457 9999**
- CST National Emergency Number (24-hour): **0800 032 3263**
- In an emergency always dial **999**

## DONATE

CST prides itself on providing all of its services to the Jewish community entirely free of charge. This means that security is provided on a 'need' basis rather than on ability to pay. CST is a registered charity. We rely on donations and without your support we cannot maintain and develop our work. Your donation will enable us to provide expert security protection and advice to help secure synagogues, communal buildings and events. Visit [www.cst.org.uk/donate](http://www.cst.org.uk/donate) for details of how you can donate to CST.



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**REPORT IT**  
**STOP IT**

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CST NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER (24-hr)

**SEE IT**  
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**STOP IT** antisemitism and suspicious activity

**REPORT** to Police: **999** (non-emergency 101)  
Then call **CST: 0800 032 3263**

CST has a dedicated team that deals with antisemitic incidents and provides victim support.  
We will respect your confidentiality and wishes at all times.

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*I never stop being amazed at the professional, selfless and totally dedicated commitment shown by the CST staff and volunteers. Our community is indebted to CST for the comprehensive protection the organisation provides, which sadly is so very necessary at this time.*

**Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth**

*"The Guardian of Israel doesn't slumber or sleep." This feeling of safety and security that we search for and need is gratefully appreciated when it's given to us by the CST. It really is a pleasure to work with the CST and to be looked after and cared for by them. Where ever I go throughout Britain, in all our Synagogues from north to south the impact and help given by the CST is warmly valued.*

**Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner, Senior Rabbi, Reform Judaism**

*We are immensely grateful to the CST for all the support and guidance. A fabulous, committed and capable team.*

**Joshua Rowe, Chair of Governors, King David High School, Manchester**



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