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Design Students Competition

Home Office Launches Counter Terrorism Competition for Design Students
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The National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) is a police unit co-located with the [Centre for the Protection of the National Infrastructure \(CPNI\)](#). We are funded by and report to the

[Association of Chief Police Officers \(ACPO\).](#)

NaCTSO contributes to the UK government's counter terrorism strategy (CONTEST) by supporting the Protect and Prepare strands of that strategy. [More information about CONTEST.](#)

Our staff can offer specialist advice regarding the security of explosives and pre-cursor chemicals ([including fertilisers](#)), pathogens and toxins, radiological sources and other toxic chemicals.

We also provide guidance in relation to business continuity, designing out vehicle borne terrorism, the protection of crowded places and reducing opportunities for terrorism through environmental design.

To achieve national delivery on behalf of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) NaCTSO trains, tasks and coordinates a nationwide network of centrally funded, specialist police advisers known as Counter Terrorism Security Advisers (CTSAs). The primary role of these advisers is to provide help, advice and guidance on all aspects of counter terrorism protective security across a variety of sectors.

Who do I contact?

- For specific Counter Terrorism Protective Security Advice contact your local [Counter Terrorism Security Advisor](#) via your police control room or switchboard who will have contact details.
- NaCTSO can be contacted by email on nactso@btconnect.com
- Register of Security Engineers & Specialists
CPNI sponsors the Register of Security Engineers and Specialists (RSES). The Register is managed and organised by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and provides a professional competence standard for potential clients and insurers through its code of ethics, demanding peer review and strict continuing professional development requirements. Further details about the RSES are available on the [ICE website](#) including a list of companies with employees who are members of RSES.
- If you wish to report suspicious activity contact your local police force or the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321.
- If you require crime prevention or security advice then you should contact your local police crime reduction / prevention officer.
- For guidance on crime prevention planning issues contact your local architectural liaison officer.
- **If it is an emergency always dial 999**

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