

## Appendix D: Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attack— response priorities for management

In the event of an IED incident the primary response objectives and the potential actions for achieving them may include:

### **Saving and protecting life**

- Appoint an incident manager to coordinate activities until police and/or emergency services arrive.
- Commence CCTV surveillance.
- Identify and establish a safe medical triage/first aid location.
- Restrict further vehicle access to the site (bollards, gates, road closures, etc).
- Restrict physical access to the site or general vicinity.

### **Facilitating the evacuation of those at risk**

- Notify key staff of the incident through prearranged messages/codes and methods.
- Appoint an evacuation manager and ensure they have situational awareness.
- Provide guidance on safe routes for those that are self-evacuating.
- Assess the suitability and potential safety of normal evacuation routes.
- Evaluate the safety of standing evacuation muster points and change if necessary.

### **Containing the incident or threat**

- Identify and establish a perimeter to prevent people from going near the suspect device / entering the area of the explosion unnecessarily.
- Consider using electronic or mechanical isolation systems to prevent people from entering areas near the suspect device.
- Ensure any barriers do not inhibit the evacuation of people or access by emergency services.

### **Supporting emergency response and investigation activities**

- Identify and communicate safe access routes/form up points for emergency services.
- Consider using CCTV and other remote methods where possible.
- Commence incident and decision making logs.
- Nominate a suitable emergency services liaison officer to meet/brief the police.
- Ensure access to site plans and CCTV footage (where possible).
- Clearly identify when incident management has transitioned to the police.
- Provide ongoing support to the emergency response action as requested.

**It is important to regularly practise these and any additional initial response activities so that key managers and staff clearly understand the priority actions and are able to perform these actions in a high stress and dynamic environment.**