

OPERATION PORTUM

Safe Spaces for Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs) & Shopping Centres



Reducing crime through partnership and prevention



Operation Portum is an overarching scheme that businesses can sign up to and support with the objective to collectively increase safe spaces in retail premises. A large number of national retailers have already signed up, but the NBCC recognise the important role that you as BIDs, BCRPs and shopping centres already play in supporting your members through the delivery of your safe and secure strategy. Therefore, we would like to encourage you to become champions of the scheme, encouraging your members and their security to support the scheme and adopt the principles.

Sign Up

In order to sign up and support the scheme officially please confirm that you are happy to meet the 'The Ask', we can then add your logo to our website amongst other brands as a supporter of Operation Portum.

To sign up please contact us at contact@nbcc.police.uk



Creating Safe Spaces in Retail

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The Aim

- Create a safer environment within our cities, town centres, retail parks and retail community so that customers feel safe and confident.
- Support and empower staff and security officers who work within these public space environments to assist those who feel vulnerable.

The Ask

- Raise awareness amongst your membership of Operation Portum and its principles.
- Signpost guidance on how your members can use the principles to support and assist those who feel vulnerable.
- Where private security is utilised as part of your safe and secure strategy, they support Operation Portum and its principles.

How

By adopting the Operation Portum principles and embedding them into local plans and communications. This can be created and designed by yourself or taken from our website where we have created a short video which includes 'do's and do not's', and a framework setting out a systematic process to help in the planning and implementation of a safe spaces scheme.

It is worth taking into account that some of your retailer members may already be supporting this scheme, if so any security officer working within their store should be following the process to meet the expectation set by that retailer.

For more information please see: [Safe Spaces \(nbcc.police.uk\)](https://www.nbcc.police.uk)

