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CIW – CRIMINAL & IMPROVISED WEAPONS SKILLS

A 5 day specialist training course for Protective Security Professionals.

- ✓ 5 Day Programme
- ✓ Specialist Training for Law Enforcement
- ✓ All Training Equipment Provided

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Course Overview

The Criminal & Improvised Weapons (CIW) Skills Course equips participants with the practical and theoretical knowledge necessary to understand, identify, and manage threats posed by criminal and improvised weapons.

The course provides a comprehensive overview of weapon creation, modification, and operational use, including the conversion of blank-firing and historic calibre firearms, ammunition handling, and the application of 3D printing technologies to produce functional firearms. Participants also gain insight into procurement and recovery of firearms from illicit sources, including darknet marketplaces.

Training combines hands-on practical exercises with theoretical instruction, alongside an overview of legal frameworks, risk management, and operational considerations in the United Kingdom.

Who is the course for?

This advanced course is designed for Government, Military, and Law Enforcement professionals who require specialist knowledge in improvised and criminal weapons, including:

- Forensic investigators and intelligence officers
- Counter-terrorism and organised crime units
- Firearms and specialist tactical teams
- Military security operatives
- Policy and operational staff responsible for weapons threat mitigation
- Intelligence staff requiring the knowledge around improvised weapons

This course is restricted to authorised personnel only due to the sensitive and high-risk nature of the material.





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Course Content

The CIW course combines theoretical knowledge and practical skills, covering:

- Introduction to Criminal & Improvised Weapons
- Types, construction, and operational threats
- Weapon Conversion Techniques
- Blank-firing, historic calibre firearms, and practical implications
- 3D Printing and Improvised Firearms
- Overview of additive manufacturing in weapon creation
- Operational Procurement and Recovery
- Understanding darknet and illicit acquisition channels
- Safe Handling and Practical Firing Exercises
- Controlled practical exercises in secure environments
- Legal Framework and Risk Mitigation
- UK legislation, compliance, and operational risk management
- Case Studies and Applied Scenarios
- Real-world examples to illustrate criminal and improvised weapons threats





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Aims and Objectives of the Course

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Identify and analyse criminal and improvised weapons in operational settings
- Understand methods used to create, convert, and deploy firearms
- Gain insight into weapon procurement and threat pathways, including darknet markets
- Apply knowledge of 3D printing technologies for forensic and operational analysis
- Understand UK legal considerations and compliance requirements
- Conduct practical handling and operational exercises safely
- Support operational planning and risk mitigation related to weapons threats

Why Choose Sorinteq

Sorinteq delivers university-accredited, practitioner-led specialist training trusted by Government, Military, and Law Enforcement organisations. Our CIW course combines advanced operational skills, practical exercises, and legal awareness, providing participants with the knowledge and capability to identify, mitigate, and respond to weapons threats in a safe and controlled environment.

Students undertaking courses provided by Sorinteq may earn credits towards formal academic qualifications such as Post Graduate Certificate, Diploma or MSc at the university of Buckingham.

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Sorinteq provide all necessary training equipment including laptop computers, internet connectivity, mobile devices and training material.