

# INTERNAL SECURITY ACT

The Internal Security Act (ISA) allows the Government to act pre-emptively to protect Singapore from threats to our internal security, including:



International  
Terrorism

Foreign  
Subversion

Espionage

Acts of violence or hatred  
against persons on the basis  
of race or religion



One key feature of the ISA is that of **preventive detention**, which allows the Government to detain a person who poses an imminent threat to Singapore's security.



The ISA was extended to Singapore on 16 Sep 1963 from the Malaysian Internal Security Act 1960 when Singapore became a part of Malaysia. The Act was retained in Singapore when we became independent in 1965.



Since the 11 Sep 2001 terror attacks in the United States, the ISA has mainly been used to deal with the terrorism threat facing Singapore.

The Government takes a serious view of anyone who:

- supports
- promotes
- undertakes; or
- makes preparations to undertake armed violence,

regardless of how they rationalise such violence ideologically or where the violence takes place.



Anyone who is:

- aware of a person becoming involved in terrorism-related activities such as planning or taking steps to travel to conflict zones to take part in an armed conflict, or
- who observes suspicious activities or signs of radicalisation,

**SHOULD** call the ISD Counter-Terrorism Centre hotline.

