



CASE STUDY

Strictly Come Dancing



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OVERVIEW

Our team was selected to provide comprehensive live show security and close protection services for Strictly Come Dancing throughout the duration of the series.

The project required a high-profile security operation capable of supporting live televised productions, celebrity protection, audience management, backstage security, and secure transportation logistics both on and off site.

Operating within one of the UK's most recognisable entertainment productions demanded a discreet, professional, and highly adaptable approach to ensure the safety of talent, production staff, VIP guests, and live audiences at all times.



THE CHALLENGE

The series presented a number of complex operational challenges, including:

- Managing security during weekly live televised broadcasts
- Protecting high-profile celebrities, presenters, judges, and professional dancers
- Coordinating close protection operations across multiple locations
- Maintaining secure backstage and production environments
- Managing audience entry, accreditation, and crowd movement
- Preventing unauthorised access, media intrusion, and public disruption
- Delivering discreet security without impacting production schedules or performer experience

The fast-paced nature of live television required rapid decision-making, flexible deployment planning, and seamless collaboration with production management teams, changing operational demands throughout the filming schedule.

OUR SOLUTION

We implemented a fully integrated security programme combining event security, close protection, venue security, and mobile response operations throughout the series.

Live Show Security Operations

For each live broadcast, our event security teams managed:

- Audience screening and ticket verification
- Front-of-house crowd management
- Access control to restricted production areas
- Stage-side and backstage security
- Security coordination for VIP guests and media personnel
- Emergency response and evacuation procedures
- Liaison with venue management and emergency services

Security personnel were strategically positioned to maintain safety while preserving the atmosphere and smooth operation of the live television environment.



Close Protection Services

Alongside venue operations, we supplied dedicated close protection officers to support celebrities, presenters, judges, and key production personnel throughout the series.

ON-SITE PROTECTION

- Our close protection teams provided:
- Secure escorting between dressing rooms, studios, and vehicles
- Backstage protection and movement coordination
- Threat and vulnerability assessments
- Crowd interaction management
- Discreet personal security presence during rehearsals and live broadcasts

OFF-SITE PROTECTION

- Beyond the studio environment, our teams also coordinated:
- Residential security support
- Secure transport and route planning
- Hotel and accommodation security
- Public appearance and media event protection
- Airport and travel coordination where required

All operations were delivered with strict confidentiality and professionalism to protect the privacy and wellbeing of the individuals involved.

Operational Delivery

To ensure consistent delivery throughout the series, we implemented:

INTEGRATED SECURITY PLANNING

- Detailed operational risk assessments
- Live event contingency planning
- Daily deployment briefings
- Real-time incident reporting procedures

SPECIALIST PERSONNEL

- SIA-licensed event security officers
- Qualified close protection operatives
- Supervisors and control room managers
- Rapid response personnel

COMMUNICATION & COORDINATION

- Direct liaison with production teams
- Coordination with venue management and emergency services
- Secure communication systems across all deployments
- Flexible staffing to support changing production schedules



THE RESULTS

Our security operation was successfully delivered throughout the entire series with:

- **Safe and secure** execution of all live broadcasts
- **Effective protection** of high-profile talent and production staff
- Smooth **audience management** during weekly live shows
- **Zero major security incidents** affecting production
- **Positive feedback** from production management and stakeholders
- **Seamless integration** with the production environment

The operation demonstrated our capability to deliver high-level event security and close protection services within one of the UK's most recognised live entertainment productions.

CONCLUSION

Providing security for Strictly Come Dancing required a carefully coordinated approach balancing visibility, discretion, professionalism, and operational efficiency.

Through integrated live-event security, specialist close-protection services, and continuous collaboration with production teams, we delivered a secure environment that supported the success of the series both on and off-screen.

THIS PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS OUR EXPERTISE IN:

- Television and entertainment security
- Live broadcast event management
- Celebrity and VIP close protection
- Backstage and restricted-area security
- Secure transport coordination
- High-profile operational deployments



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