

WA Government Countering Violent Extremism Strategy 2026-28

Objective

To enhance community safety and resilience by supporting a coordinated whole-of-government response to preventing and countering violent extremism, addressing relevant social impacts, and supporting disengagement from harmful extremist behaviour.

Scope

The Strategy supports WA Government Agencies involved in the development, coordination, and implementation of activities, programs, and policies aimed at preventing and countering violent extremism.

7 Guiding principles



Leadership



Shared Responsibility



Early Intervention and Social Inclusion



Proportionate and Rights-Based Responses



Strategic and
Sustainable Delivery



Agility and Adaptability



Continuous Improvement

Focus areas and strategic objectives



- 1. Capability and capacity building
- 1. Promote executive oversight and strategic direction for CVE-related activities across the WA public sector.
- 2. Enhance awareness, understanding, and engagement of CVE across the WA public sector, including executive leadership, frontline staff and CVE practitioners.
- 3. Improve coordination and prioritisation of training and professional development opportunities to ensure personnel in CVE roles across government maintain specialist skills.
- 4. Identify and implement strategies to attract and retain skilled professionals with the appropriate expertise to support CVE priorities across government.



- **2.** Whole-of-Government Coordination
- 1. Establish processes that allow for strategic oversight and coordination of CVE activities.
- 2. Coordinate a consistent policy direction in response to State and Commonwealth requirements.
- **3.** Enhance and foster collaborative working relationships between government agencies involved in CVE activities.
- **4.** Improve funding prioritisation for CVE activities across the State.



- **3.** Engagement and Partnerships
- 1. Enhance and foster collaborative working relationships between government agencies and the broader WA CVE ecosystem to build greater awareness of violent extremism and WA's CVE activities.
- 2. Build and strengthen collaborative partnerships with community groups and leaders to enable broader CVE awareness.
- 3. Strategically coordinate opportunities to communicate and promote awareness of the State's CVE activities across the State Government and broader community.



- 4. Operations
- 1. Provide effective, evidence-based, best-practice therapeutic intervention and case management services to individuals and families in the community.
- 2. Provide effective, evidence-based, bestpractice therapeutic intervention services to individuals in corrective services settings.
- **3. Support national priorities** in alignment with national CVE frameworks.