

Why Stadia and Event Venues Need a Different Kind of Compliance Partner

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Sixty thousand people arrive. Turnstiles click into life. Kitchens begin serving thousands of meals. Floodlights, CCTV, scoreboards and hospitality suites all switch on.

Within 90 minutes, one of the UK's most complex buildings has become one of its busiest.

What supporters rarely see is the infrastructure making that possible.

Fire detection, electrical systems, lightning protection, water hygiene, roof safety and structural integrity all have to work together before the first whistle and long after the final one.

Most venues manage those responsibilities through multiple specialist contractors. Fire from one company. Water from another. Roof access from a third.

Every contractor manages their own discipline.

Nobody owns the spaces between them.

That's where risk lives.

For venue operators, fragmented compliance creates duplicated visits, disconnected reporting and the potential for critical gaps. When tens of thousands of people are on site, compliance isn't simply about meeting regulations. It's about protecting people, safeguarding reputation and ensuring every event runs exactly as planned.

PTSG supports stadia and event venues through a dedicated team that brings together expertise from

across its five specialist divisions, providing a single, joined-up approach to compliance.

A Changing Compliance Landscape

The challenge has become even greater since the introduction of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, better known as Martyn's Law.

Major UK stadiums fall within the Act's enhanced duty requirements, meaning operators will need robust public protection measures covering security systems, monitoring, access control and emergency response planning alongside existing obligations for fire safety, electrical compliance and structural integrity.

With implementation expected during the next two years, many venues are already reviewing how they manage compliance across increasingly interconnected disciplines.

Working to the Sporting Calendar

Unlike many commercial buildings, stadiums cannot simply close for maintenance.

Major works have to fit around fixtures, concerts and tournaments, with the close season providing a narrow window to complete programmes that protect venues for years to come.

PTSG has extensive experience delivering within those demanding timescales.

At Celtic Park, PTSG Building Access Specialists completed structural inspections and steelwork painting beneath the East Stand across successive close seasons using bespoke lateral access techniques.

At Heart of Midlothian, engineers repainted high-level roof trusses during a six-week pitch refurbishment programme.

At Everton's new Bramley-Moore Dock stadium, PTSG Access & Safety installed almost one kilometre of freestanding aluminium guardrail and Latchways ManSafe systems to provide safe access for future maintenance.

Meanwhile, PTSG Electrical Services has maintained the lightning protection system at The Queen's Club since 2011, including delivering a full system upgrade to support increased capacity while respecting the character of the historic clubhouse.

Different venues.

Different challenges.

One common requirement: delivering complex compliance work without disrupting major sporting events.

Beyond Match Day

The work doesn't stop when the crowds leave.

Fire damper testing. Kitchen extract cleaning. Legionella management. CCTV and access control. Electrical inspections. Lightning protection. Roof safety systems.

Managed separately, these services create unnecessary complexity.

Managed together, they create confidence.

PTSG coordinates more than 170 specialist services across:

- Fire Solutions
- Electrical Services
- Water Treatment
- Building Access Specialists
- Access & Safety

All delivered through one programme, one point of contact and one compliance record.

Supporters judge a stadium by the 90 minutes they spend inside it.

Venue operators know success is built during the other 364 days of the year.

Compliance is what makes those 90 minutes possible.

For stadia and event venue managers looking for a genuinely joined-up approach to compliance, the conversation starts here.

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