



House of Keys General Election 2026

Candidate Safety Advice

The Crown and Elections team are working with the Isle of Man Constabulary to provide personal safety advice to candidates standing in the 2026 House of Keys General Election. This document outlines steps you can take to help keep yourself safe while campaigning.

If you have any concerns or require more detailed advice about particular situations, please contact the Isle of Man Constabulary Duty Inspector on 631212.

Door to door canvassing:

- Only enter a person's house if you feel comfortable doing so; if you have any concerns, remain on the doorstep.
- When talking to people, be mindful of your position in your environment; make sure that you will be able to exit a situation easily if you start to feel uncomfortable.
- When canvassing, consider making sure someone else is aware of your plans – where you will be at what times. You may want to use a location sharing service like Find my Phone or Life 360. If possible, arrange to check in with someone at regular intervals.
- Make sure you always have your mobile phone with you and be aware of any security features (e.g. rapid pressing the power button 5 times on an iPhone automatically dials 999).
- If you experience any behaviours that may be considered a criminal offence, remove yourself from the situation and contact the police as soon as possible.
- If you feel you or others are in immediate danger, dial 999.
- Do not engage with individuals who are stalking/harassing you (offline and online).
- Keep records of any intimidating behaviour; who, what, where, when.

- Seek advice from the Isle of Man Constabulary on personal safety and building security (e.g. home/workplace security survey).

Online:

- Read the guidance for candidates issued by the Isle of Man Cyber Security Centre. The guidance covers areas like electoral disinformation, misinformation and social media and is available in the Candidates section of the [House of Keys General Election 2026](#) page on [elections.gov.im](#).
- Keep records of any intimidating behaviour; who, what, where, when.
- Do not engage with individuals who are stalking/harassing you (offline and online).
- Report intimidation to your internet service provider or your mobile phone company.
- Use “Report Abuse” tools on social media platforms.
- Block and report trolls.
- Conduct an online health check: review online information and minimise the availability of your personal information.
- Seek advice from the Isle of Man Constabulary on personal safety and building security (e.g. home/workplace security survey).