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The Royal Albert Hall, in addition to being one of the world's greatest concert venues, is a Grade I listed building which has been in constant use for nearly 140 years. Maintaining such an old building in a modern world is an ongoing challenge, and one major issue is to protect this iconic landmark, its occupants and passersby, against any potential terrorist attacks. In order to meet Home Office specifications for bomb blast protection, the Royal Albert Hall fitted each of its 188 windows with Armorcoat, a tough but completely clear window film from Midlands-based Solar Gard that is specifically designed to hold broken glass together in the event of an explosion.

"In the case of an explosion, up to 90 per cent of all injuries are caused by flying shards of glass, rather than the actual blast itself," explained Ian Penfold, spokesperson. "Installing Armorcoat window film helps to completely eliminate this problem."

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