

The internet has given us access, quite literally, to a world of information and experiences. Whether on our own or someone else's computer, laptop, games console or mobile phone we are all increasingly using the internet.

Just as you would try to keep yourself and your family safe in the real world, you need to do so on-line. This leaflet is intended as a guide to help you. It is really important that you know what the limits are when viewing, downloading or sharing information.

Terrorism and extremism are very interesting subjects which people may be tempted to research on-line. However, this subject may link to references or images which are violent, sensitive or emotive in nature. The internet can also be used to influence others and spread messages of hate.

did you know?

TERRORISTS JUST LIKE OTHER CRIMINALS CAN FUND THEIR ACTIVITIES THROUGH ONLINE FRAUD EXPLOITING CHARITABLE CAUSES AND SELLING PIRATE DVD'S

Terrorism Act 2006

"directly or indirectly encourages or otherwise induces by statement any member of the public to commit, prepare or instigate acts of terrorism."

Distributing a terrorist publication which is likely to be viewed by another person. This could include emails, websites, on line messages or documents.

Encouraging terrorism intentionally or recklessly. This could include promoting, funding, providing methods, instructions or techniques.

Providing training or information that could give a person the skills or knowledge to commit acts of terrorism or assist others to commit acts of terrorism. These could be location plans, instructions on weapon making, handling or use.

For more information about Terrorism legislation and the Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act visit: www.opsi.gov.uk

be aware!

YOU COULD BE SENTENCED TO UP TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTING TERRORIST INFORMATION

YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS

Can I research terrorism or violent extremism online?

If you research these topics online it is likely that you would come across violent and extremist websites which may promote or encourage terrorism. By simply clicking on some links or loading a webpage you could commit an offence e.g. possessing terrorist material. The safest thing to do is avoid visiting these sites.

Do not provide any input on any such sites (for example get involved in blogs, forums and postings).

Be aware downloading or paying for material particularly on these types of sites may fund violent or extremist activity.

Remember – ANYONE can set up a website, it doesn't mean that it is legitimate or the information you find is true or legal.

top tips

AVOID SITES THAT ENCOURAGE VIOLENT EXTREMISM OR SPREAD HATRED

Is it safe to discuss terrorism issues in online chat rooms?

In some circumstances, depending on the context, simply discussing issues with someone on line could be seen as encouraging or promoting violent extremism which may constitute an offence.

If in doubt with anything that comes up in a 'conversation' log off or use a different chat room.

Always be mindful not to make inappropriate comments or references on any site just as you would do in 'public'.

If you want to discuss terrorism issues in a safe environment then your Community Engagement Officers can assist or advise on local events. Their details are on this leaflet.

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JUST VISITING TERRORIST SITES AND VIEWING THE PAGES COULD BE CLASSED AS POSSESSING TERRORIST MATERIAL

What do I do if I see something online which concerns me or if I receive an email that has strong views or images ?

If you think that any material is criminal in nature or requires immediate attention contact the police or the national Anti-Terrorism Hotline **0800 789 321**.

You should always report unacceptable content to website administrators or hosting companies.

There is now a national online reporting facility on the Directgov website.

Full details can be found on the useful website page of this leaflet.

The police may retain your material for evidential purposes.

Don't be tempted to forward emails, or show them to someone else, it could be classed as an offence.

You will be able to block future e-mails.

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DON'T GIVE PERSONAL DETAILS IN CHAT ROOMS BUT DO REPORT INAPPROPRIATE ACTIVITY

Be careful who is online!

Terrorists and violent extremists use the internet and seek to exploit vulnerable people just like other criminals. You cannot always be certain who you are 'talking' to on-line or who is behind a particular website and their views or motives.

Avoid any website that encourages terrorist activity and provides information to others on violence. Be wary of web links that may be used to take you to sites that you may not have chosen to visit.

It is important never to share your personal details on line, whatever the subject. This could be your contact details, pictures or videos, friends names and places that you visit. These might let someone know who you are and where you go.

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TERRORISTS USE THE INTERNET TO INFLUENCE OTHER PEOPLE'S VIEWS

How can you contact us?

There are three teams of police Community Engagement Officers (CEO's) based in Blackburn, Burnley and Preston who can offer support. They can be contacted directly as follows:

Blackburn
 Telephone: 01254 353638
 Email: EASTERN.CEO@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Burnley
 Telephone: 01282 472190
 Email: PENNINE.CEO@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Preston
 Telephone: 01772 209830
 Email: CENTRAL.CEO@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

In other areas of Lancashire please contact the 'Prevent Team' on 01772 413366/9

Where can you find more information?

For more information about the work of CEO's or counter terrorism initiatives, then visit our website: www.lancashire.police.uk

IF YOU SUSPECT IT, REPORT IT!

If you think you have seen a person or vehicle acting suspiciously, or if you see unattended package or bag which might be an immediate threat, move away and dial **999** straightaway.

Anti-terrorist Hotline 0800 789 321

This is a national service permanently staffed 24 hours a day by specialist police officers. All calls to the Hotline are free.

A text phone is also available for deaf people or for those with hearing difficulties.

The number for this is **0800 0324 539**. All calls are confidential.

You can also report non urgent information anonymously to **Crimestoppers 800 555 111**

It doesn't matter how small or insignificant you think the information is – it could be a vital piece in the jigsaw.

Inappropriate material on the internet

Visit www.direct.gov.uk/en/CrimeJusticeAndTheLaw/Counterterrorism

This website launched in February 2010 provides the public with information on how to take action against all forms of hate, violent and extremist material on line.

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IT REPORT IT

CALL 0800 789 321

CONFIDENTIAL
ANTI-TERRORIST HOTLINE



Useful websites

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/counter-terrorism (Strategy)

www.opsi.gov.org (Legislation)

www.direct.gov.uk/en/CrimeJusticeAndTheLaw/Counterterrorism
(Reporting online issues)

www.dcsf.gov.uk/ukccis (E-Safety)

www.iwf.org.uk (E-Safety)

www.thinkyouknow.co.uk (E-Safety)

www.ceop.gov.uk (E-Safety)

www.wherestheline.co.uk (A package for schools)

www.lancashire.police.uk (Contact us)

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FILTERING SOFTWARE IS NOW AVAILABLE TO REDUCE AND LIMIT ACCESS TO INAPPROPRIATE SITES AND MATERIAL

This leaflet is provided for guidance only. Lancashire Constabulary cannot be held responsible for any inappropriate use of the internet to encourage, promote or assist any terrorist activity. *May 2010*



TERRORISM
 using the
 internet safely