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Top Ten e-Safety Tips

Please Note: This guidance is for information only and is not intended to replace legal advice when faced with a risk decision.

These top tips are not intended to be prescriptive in nature, but may serve as a quick reminder of the main areas to be addressed in meeting your e-safety duty.

- 1. Appoint someone to have overall responsibility for e-safety, ideally a senior member of staff with child protection training.
- 2. Establish an e-Safety Committee representing all stakeholders in the institution. Include learners, teaching staff and IT staff, and consider inviting parents, members of the wider community and Governors to attend.
- 3. Audit current e-safety measures and identify weaknesses and areas for development. There are online resources to help you do this. We have included some of these in our links tab.
- 4. Write an e-safety policy that uses appropriate language, reflects your college community and is in line with existing updated policies. Refer to JISC Legal's e-Safety Policy Checklist.
- 5. Establish consistent risk assessment procedures for the use of technology in learning. This should apply to activities both on and off campus.
- 6. Provide an easily accessible grid, or flow chart, detailing relevant behaviours and sanctions where appropriate.
- 7. Have a clear, consistent, proportionate and well publicised incident response and reporting procedure in place.
- 8. Schedule training and an education programme to promote safe and responsible behaviours, raise awareness of the institution's e-safety rules and explain how to report an incident or raise concerns.
- 9. Provide opportunities for feedback, support and further guidance.
- 10. Build in time to monitor effectively the impact of your e safety measures and policies and respond accordingly.

Further guidance on e-safety is available on our website and enquiry service. Your Regional Support Centre may also be able to offer expertise and assistance on this area.





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