

Online Safety Bill Ready to Become UK Law

The Southwest Grid for Learning (SWGFL) have issued clear and concise information about the Online Safety Bill .

On Tuesday 19th September, the Online Safety Bill passed its final parliamentary debate, being signed off by the Houses of Parliament and ready to become UK law. The bill has now been in motion for several years, facing numerous scrutiny and debate from both the House of Lords and Commons in how it will ensure appropriate online protections for children and adults.

What will Become Law?

The Bill has been stated to have a 'zero-tolerance approach to protecting children online' whilst empowering 'adults to take control of what they see online'. Many new expectations will be brought forward, some of which include:

Social media firms preventing children from accessing harmful content whilst enforcing age limits and checking measures.

Social media firms providing parents and children with clear and accessible ways to report problems online.

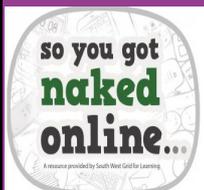
Ensuring the removal of illegal content.

Providing adults with options to filter out harmful online content e.g., bullying.

Preventing users from being exposed to fraudulent adverts by blocking scams.

Preventing online activity showing animal cruelty and torture.

As well as new laws for platforms, there has been significant development around laws surrounding intimate image abuse. Under the new Bill, it will be easier to charge perpetrators who share intimate images and deepfakes without consent.



'So you got naked online...' is a resource that helps and advises young people who may find themselves in a situation where they (or a friend) have put a sexting image or video online and have lost control over that content and who it's being shared with.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/so-you-got-naked-online/>



Shore is an anonymous advice and support website provided by the Lucy Faithfull Foundation. It is a dedicated and confidential resource tailored for teenagers concerned about their own or someone else's sexual thoughts and behaviour, and provides resources to help them learn about living safely both online and offline.

<https://shorespace.org.uk/what-to-do-if/youve-shared-a-nude-or-been-sent->

Useful Links

CEOP Education: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

Parent Zone: <http://parentzone.org.uk/>

NSPCC: <https://nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents>

UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>