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1. Government must protect children on social media

New laws must be put in place to force social media sites to keep children safe

We are urging the new Government to ensure that all social networks follow a universal set of rules to protect children from online abuse.

Social media sites' own security rules are failing to keep children safe. They are not doing enough to tackle issues such as child abuse, grooming, hate speech, and cyber-bullying on their platforms.

That's why we're calling for new laws which will force social networks to protect children online, whichever sites they use

What we're calling for

We want to see the Government create a rulebook that would be enforced by an independent regulator. Those rules will ensure that social media companies do these 3 things:

- provide Safe Accounts for under-18s with extra protections built in
- create grooming and bully alerts to flag up sinister behaviour
- Hire an army of dedicated online child safety guardians

Link: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/government-must-protect-children-social-media/>

2. Online sexual coercion and extortion of children

Europol has published a report examining the online sexual coercion and extortion of children (oSCEC). oSCEC is a form of digital blackmail where sexual information or images are used to extort sexual material, sexual favours or money from children. Findings include: the expression 'sextortion', commonly used by the public, fails to recognise the more complex and nuanced features of the crime as it affects children and its grave consequences for them. Recommendations include: promote the use of proper terminology that accurately reflects the nature of oSCEC.

Link: file:///C:/Users/lrb/Downloads/online_sexual_coercion_and_extortion_as_a_form_of_crime_affecting_children_0%20

For more information about e safety :

- go to <http://www.blackpoolaspireacademy.co.uk>
- come into school and talk to a member of Student Services

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3. Technology assisted harmful sexual behaviour (HSB): a practice resource

The NSPCC's Impact and evidence series features a blog by Pat Branigan Development Manager at the NSPCC introducing the Technology-assisted HSB practice resource (TA-HSB) designed to help experienced risk assessment trained social workers, youth offending team practitioners and specialist providers know how to: collect and collate relevant information regarding technology assisted HSB; devise a structure to develop a case formulation; develop safety plans. TA-HSB replaces the 2009 iAIM framework practice guidance to help professionals work with young people who had engaged in HSB online, and training on how to use TA-HSB 2017 guidance is available.

Link: http://aimproject.org.uk/?page_id=83

4. Online safety conversation "icebreakers"

O2, as part of its partnership with the NSPCC to help all children and families in the UK stay safe together online, has created a series of weekly emails for parents and carers to help them start a conversation with their children about online safety.

Become an expert in your child's online world in six weeks

We've joined forces with the NSPCC on a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online. And together, we're offering useful tools, support and guidance to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about their online lives.

Every good conversation starts with a great icebreaker

From cyberbullying and sexting, to avoiding inappropriate content, talking about online safety with your child should be as natural as asking them what they got up to at school today.

That's why we've created a series of weekly emails packed full of useful info, advice and activities to bring you closer to their online world.

Each week we'll help you approach a particular topic, and then give you all the info you need to have regular conversations together about staying safe online.

Sign up using the link below!

Link: <https://nspcc.o2.co.uk/>