

The internet provides a great source of information and is rapidly expanding in size. Everything you want to know about is probably on there in some shape or form!

It is really important that you use the internet safely and that you know what the limits are in respect to the content you can view, add and download to the internet.

Terrorism is a sensitive and emotive subject. It is also a very interesting subject and we know people may want to research the subject online. Internet users and surfers need to be aware that offences can be committed online under the terrorism legislation.

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AVOID SITES THAT RECRUIT AND ENCOURAGE TERRORISM

Terrorism Act 2006

“directly or indirectly encouraged or otherwise induced by the statement 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 the Terrorism Act 2000 and 2006, and the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 visit:
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YOU COULD BE SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTING TERRORIST INFORMATION

YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS

Can I research terrorism online? I am worried that I might be suspected a terrorist.

When researching terrorism online it is likely you will come across extreme websites promoting and encouraging terrorism. The safest thing to do is avoid visiting these sites as simply clicking on them and loading a webpage could be classed as possessing terrorist material.

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

Do not download or pay for any item that may be likely to fund terrorist activity.

Remember – ANYONE can set up a website, it doesn't mean it is legal or true.

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FILTERING SOFTWARE IS NOW AVAILABLE TO REDUCE AND LIMIT ACCESS TO TERRORISM SITES



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

Discussing issues with someone online could be seen as encouraging them, which could then be viewed as an offence.

If terrorism comes up in the 'conversation' you should log off or use a different chat room.

If you want to discuss terrorism issues in a safe environment then you should contact your local Community Engagement Officers. Their details are on this leaflet.

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

What do I do if I receive an email that has strong views and images on terrorism supporting suicide bombers?

If you forward the email, or show it to someone else, it could be classed as an offence. We would recommend that you contact the police or the Anti-terrorism Hotline to make them aware. Make sure you delete the email and block emails from their email address in the future.

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DON'T GIVE PERSONAL DETAILS IN CHAT ROOMS



Be careful who is online!

Terrorists use the internet to influence other people with their views. You will not know who is behind a particular website and whilst sites can look legitimate and legal, they may not be.

If you are unsure about what information you can view online relating to terrorism then stick to looking at national newspaper websites.

Avoid any website that encourages terrorist activity and provides information to others on terrorism.

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How can you contact us?

There are three teams at the moment and these can be contacted directly at the following:

Blackburn
Telephone: 01254 353666
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

Where can you find more information?

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

IF YOU SUSPECT IT, REPORT IT!

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

Anti-terrorist Hotline 0800 789321

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.

It doesn't matter how small or insignificant you think the information is – this could be the final piece in the jigsaw for the police.

Don't rely on others – if you suspect it, report it.

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TRY NEWSPAPER WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION

Useful websites

www.lancashire.police.uk

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/counter-terrorism

www.opsi.gov.org

www.iwf.org.uk

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TERRORIST GROUPS SELL PIRATE DUD'S TO RAISE FUNDS

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using the internet safely