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SAFEGUARDING : KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

Welcome

Welcome to the newsletter, we'll be updating the newsletter every other month with regular hints, tips and advice. This newsletter is focussed on keeping safe online.

What are the risks?

The technology we use may seem incredibly safe and secure however there are risks of your devices being exposed to the following.

- Computer viruses
- Fake websites
- Relationship scams
- Health scams
- Email scams
- Hacks

As you can see there are a variety of risks that can be found online and this newsletter will take you through those risks and how to prevent them from occurring.

Computer Viruses/Hacks

One could describe computer viruses as online rodents. The reason being because the malware they produce is so infectious that it can slowly breakdown your computer or laptop making applications slow and the computer harder to work on.

Criminals can also use this to take control of your computer which could lead to a great deal of data protection breaches resulting in personal information being leaked.

This can lead to scam emails, spam and in some cases deleted files.

To prevent viruses and hacks please ensure to be doing the following:

- Using strong passwords
- Keeping everything up to date
- Use anti virus software
- Research the signs of infection
- Educate family and staff

Email Scams

A lot of scam emails will include content designed to trick you into clicking onto infected links as well as given out your personal details.

Often you can receive emails saying you have won a prize or it is someone pretending to be someone else like a fake company.

Opening emails such as these or downloading and clicking data can be harmful to your computer. The best thing to do if this happens is to delete the email immediately and if it keeps occurring report it as spam.

Medical email scams are often

emails that include information on fake medical drugs, cures and medicines. These cheap drugs if purchased can turn up to your door with harmful products in them. They are often not what they are read to be and emails like this should also be deleted and ignored.

Relationships Scams

These scams are incredibly cruel and malicious. If you have ever heard the phrase 'catfish' in an online context this means being someone you are not portrayed to be or look like. Often you see fake Instagram accounts of people pretending to be someone they are not, using photos of models or celebrities to scam vulnerable people online. If that person online starts asking you for things such as money and refuses to meet or video call, you may be a victim. Be sure on those you are talking online and question anything you believe to be suspicious.

Fake Websites

There are many harmful websites that you can also get viruses from and be exposed to reading fake information. Many websites include fake bank sites and personal information sites that look professional but are not. Look out for sites that look very similar and do not apply or input personal information without thoroughly checking the company and website.



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Coronavirus:

Call 111

If you have any Coronavirus symptoms do not hesitate to all 111 for advice and on social distancing measures.

World health organisation:

https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1

Government Website

Go onto the government website if you are confused on any of the guidelines put in place or need reassurance on what to do during this pandemic.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

“Stay alert, control the virus and save lives”

Safeguarding Team

Contact Steadfast Training’s Safeguarding team on 0845 223 2401 or email sonia.roberts@steadfasttraining.co.uk or

9 Protected Characteristics;

- Age
- Disability
- Gender Reassignment
- Marriage & Civil Partnership
- Pregnancy & Maternity
- Race
- Religion or Belief (including lack of belief)
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation

The Prevent Duty

The Prevent Duty is part of the government strategy to reduce the risk of Extremism, Terrorism and Radicalisation. Extremism is the holding of extreme political or religious views. How can we prevent it? Whilst the signs are different in each case, we can see some of or a mixture of these changes in dress, clothing or social groups, secretive behaviour,

showing sympathy for extremist causes, advocating extremist messages, glorifying violence, accessing extremist literature and imagery , showing a mistrust of mainstream media reports and belief in conspiracy theories and appearing angry about governmental policies, especially foreign policy

Report possible terrorist activity online If you are concerned about someone or see anything suspicious call the local police or the police anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321.

You can also report it online on the Met police website.

British Values

British Values are defined as;

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

If you wish to raise an issue of safeguarding for a learner or individual related to Steadfast Training Ltd in any way, please contact the centre immediately on: 0845 223 2401.

For more information on anything covered in the newsletter, feedback or ideas for the next issue, please contact us on info@steadfasttraining.co.uk.