

“ HOW CAN I KEEP MY CHILD SAFE? ”

Cyber Wellness Tips

To keep our children safe while using the Internet, we can start by teaching them to READ

R **RECOGNISE EMOTIONAL MANIPULATION**
Terrorist groups use emotion-evoking content to influence us.

E **EVALUATE BOTH SIDES OF AN ARGUMENT**
Consider different views before deciding on which is correct.

A **AWARENESS OF SELF**
Pay attention to what we find on the Internet, and how we feel and think about them.

D **DETERMINE IF SOMETHING IS FACT OR OPINION**
Always cross-check information with legitimate sources.

“ WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT? ”

EARLY REPORTING MATTERS

Parents play a key role in keeping our children safe from the terror threat. We are best placed to notice changes in our children, and raise the alert if we detect any signs of radicalisation.

Early reporting allows authorities to intervene before radicalised individuals harm themselves or others. They will also receive guidance and counselling. Any information provided will be kept strictly confidential.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS



ISD Counter-Terrorism
Centre hotline
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Your child's school
counsellor, teacher, or
principal

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH FROM RADICALISATION AND EXTREMISM

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

RADICALISATION AND EXTREMISM IN SINGAPORE

People may be radicalised in different ways to engage in extremism, or even terrorism-related activities.

RADICALISATION

- The **process** by which people come to support extremist beliefs.

EXTREMISM

- The **holding** of political or religious views that are far from the mainstream

THE EVOLVING TERROR THREAT IN SINGAPORE

The terrorism threat to Singapore remains high. Terrorist groups have stepped up their recruitment efforts **targeting youths, using social media and online gaming platforms to spread extremist propaganda**. Today, self-radicalised individuals are a key threat to Singapore's safety and security.

While ISD will continue to detect and prevent terror attacks, we cannot do this alone. It is important that parents **remain alert to signs that their child may have become radicalised**.

“ WHAT DO I LOOK OUT FOR? ”

6 Behavioural Indicators*

- 1)  Frequently surfing extremist websites
- 2)  Posting or sharing extremist views on social media platforms
- 3)  Sharing their extremist views with friends and relatives
- 4)  Making remarks that promote ill-will or hatred towards people of other races/religion
- 5)  Expressing intent to participate in acts of violence overseas or in Singapore
- 6)  Inciting others to participate in acts of violence

* This list of radicalisation indicators is not exhaustive

ENGAGING YOUR CHILD

“ HOW DO I TALK ABOUT IT? ”

Create a safe space to talk

- Let your child feel at ease.
- Engage them when you are both unlikely to be interrupted, or when the topic is relevant.

Understand how your child feels

- Ask for their opinions.
- Use open-ended questions.
- Listen sincerely.

Provide simple, honest answers

- Share your views calmly, in an engaging manner.
- Gently correct wrong perceptions.

“ WHAT SHOULD I KEEP IN MIND? ”

1. **Be approachable.** Let them know you are here to help if they are concerned or unsure about something.
2. **Do not be confrontational.** Your child's beliefs require careful handling.
3. Let them speak **without interrupting**. Encourage them to ask questions.
4. **Avoid stereotyping people** by race, religion, or nationality. Encourage mutual respect and tolerance.