

SAFER INTERNET DAY

'Every child's life is unique, meaningful and precious and every child has a right to dignity and safety. Yet today, global society is failing its children. Millions of children are being abused and exploited in tragic and unspeakable ways, and on an unprecedented scale all over the world.'

'Technology's exponential advancement and integration into our everyday lives are not only changing what we do and how we do it, but who we are. Much of the impact of these changes has been very positive. However, we face the dark side of this new-found world, a world which is enabling a host of social ills that are harming the most vulnerable members of society.'

(Pope Francis)

Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet day. It provides us with the opportunity to review and reinforce good practice in our electronic engagement with children.

The National Board has produced a GAP paper on this issue which you can read by following this link

https://www.safeguarding.ie/images/Pdfs/GAP_Papers/GAP%20Paper%201%20Child%20Safeguarding%20and%20Digital%20Media.pdf

Alongside GAP paper 1, attached is a list of resources to assist you in ensuring that electronic communication is safe for children.



THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND



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| https://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/ | Information on Safer Internet Day in ROI |
| https://cybersafeireland.org/ | Cyber Safe Ireland for children, parents and teachers |
| https://www.webwise.ie/youth/ | Advice for young people on Internet Safety |
| http://www.ci-ni.org.uk/cybersafety | Children in Northern Ireland Cyber Safety Training |
| https://www.barnardos.ie/learning-development/training/online-safety-programme?gclid=CjwKCAiAj-xBRBjEiwAmRbqYkgNkx111WcToaCk5NMbHMhtWh3bMYmkCfwmfOC3ayaOwkkgVgEgaBoC2Y8QAvD_BwE | Barnardo's information on activities for Safer Internet Day 2020 - Tuesday 11th February |
| https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/cyberbullying-keep-your-child-safe-online | Cyber-bullying: keep your child safe online Northern Ireland |
| https://www.youth.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Screenagers-Guidance.pdf | Guidance for Digital Youth Work |
| https://www.psnipolice.uk/advice-information/internet-safety/ | PSNI Internet Safety |
| https://www.youth.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/International-report-final.pdf | Using ICT, digital and social media in youth work - A review of research findings from Austria, Denmark, Finland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland |
| https://www.safeguardingni.org/esafety | Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland: e-safety |
| https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/safer-internet-resources/ | NSPCC Safer Internet Day 2020: online safety resources |



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| https://www.saferinternetday.org/web/sid/country | International Safer Internet Day |
| https://www.hotline.ie/ | Provides an anonymous facility for Internet Users to report suspected illegal content, particularly Child Sexual Abuse Material, accidentally encountered Online, in a secure and confidential way |
| https://www.safeguarding.ie/publications | GAP Paper 1 - Child Safeguarding and Digital Media |
| https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2019/05/29/opening-address-on-faith-in-the-digital-world-by-archbishop-eamon-martin-to-mark-world-communications-day-2019/ | Opening address on faith in the digital world by Archbishop Eamon Martin to mark World Communications Day 2019 |
| https://www.inhope.org/EN | INHOPE's vision is a world free of Child Sexual Abuse Material online |
| https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu/web/portal/home | Better Internet for Kids – EU Website |
| https://www.unicef.org/cwc/files/CwC_Web(2).pdf | Communicating with Children - UNICEF |
| https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/be-safe-online/?referrer=/en/be-safe-online/ | Ireland's Official Online Safety Hub |
| https://assets.gov.ie/25819/c9744b64dfd6447985eeffa5c0d71bbb.pdf | Addendum to Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children - Online Safety |
| https://www.thinknpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Keeping-Children-Safe-Online-NPC-Nominet-ParentZone-2019.pdf | Keeping children safe online |
| https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/communications/topics/Internet-Policy/online-safety/national-advisory-council-/Pages/The-National-Advisory-Council-for-Online-Safety-(NACOS).aspx | The National Advisory Council for Online Safety (NACOS) |



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| http://endbullying.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/cyber_bullying_and_the_law_in_northern_ireland.pdf | Cyber bullying and the Law in Northern Ireland |
| https://www.lawreform.ie/news/report-on-harmful-communications-and-digital-safety.683.html | Report on Harmful Communications and Digital Safety. |
| https://www.dataprotection.ie/en/about/background | Data Protection Commission ROI |
| https://www.cigionline.org/series/gcig-research-volumes | Global Commission on Internet Governance |