

## How can parents/carers help their children to keep safe?

- Know who your child's friends are
- Be aware of your child's on-line activity and update your own knowledge on social media
- Keep talking with your child about what they watch on the TV or internet and on the news
- Encourage debate and questioning on local and world events and help your child to see different points of view
- Explain to anyone who tells them to keep secrets from their family or teachers, is likely trying to do them harm or put them in danger.

We will be delivering workshops at TCAT as part of the student enrichment programme.

## Need more advice?

If you have concerns about your child's safety, please contact:

**TCAT's Safeguarding Co-ordinator**  
Terri Jones on 01952 642448 or  
email [speakup@tcat.ac.uk](mailto:speakup@tcat.ac.uk)

If you are particularly concerned that your child might leave the county to travel to a conflict Zone:

- lock your child's passport away in a safe place
- contact the College Safeguarding Co-ordinator

**OR**

- speak to the confidential help line run by the **Active Change Foundation (ACF)** which is an organisation concerned to prevent British nationals from travelling to conflict zones

**0208 539 2770**  
**Non-emergency 101**  
**Family Connect 01952 385385**

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## Keeping Children and young people safe from Radicalisation and Extremism



Advice to  
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## The Dangers

All parents and carers will be aware from recent items in the news, that a new risk threatens the safety of our children - the risk of radicalisation by an extremist group.

Extremist groups, both right wing English racist groups and ISIL inspired Islamist groups are actively trying to recruit our children on-line, in schools, Colleges and within our local communities.

This leaflet is designed to:

- Raise parent/carer awareness to this danger
- Provide some suggestions of how you can reduce the risk of danger to your child
- Let you know who you can contact if you have any concerns



## How Extremists Groom Our Children

Extremists seek to exploit any vulnerability our children may have. Our children may be:

- Searching for answers to questions about identity and belonging
- Driven by a need to raise their self-esteem
- Drawn to a group or an individual who can offer identity, social network and support
- Angry about world events and feeling a need to make a difference.

Extremists have developed very effective ways to recruit young people through personal befriending and through the internet.



## What To Look For - The Signs Of Extremism

If your son or daughter is being groomed by extremists, they might display certain types of behaviour such as:

- Out of character changes in dress, behaviour and peer relationships
- Secretive behaviour
- Losing interest in old friends and old activities
- Glorifying violence
- Possessing extremist literature
- Advocating racist or hate filled messages