



### **PROMOTING SAFEGUARDING, BRITISH VALUES AND PREVENT STRATEGY**

The Government recently introduced the Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015, which requires all education settings to raise the profile about the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Every day on the news and in the papers, we see and hear about acts of terrorism. The reality is that terrorists come in all colours, shapes and ages, and there is often not a single definition as to what a terrorist looks like. Terrorists do not represent the views of faiths and cultures, but instead they are a minority who interpret extreme views, often linked to threats and acts of violence. Their views may not be balanced and will not consider the impact of others.

People are not born as terrorists, they are radicalised, which means they are influenced and transformed into sharing extreme views and ideas, often by other individuals who may be vulnerable. The individual may be looking for a sense of belonging and purpose, which these groups may suggest they can provide.

#### **Spotting the Signs**

The following may suggest someone is being radicalised into supporting extreme and terrorist groups:-

- A significant change in their behaviour
- They may be isolating themselves from their friends
- They may stop doing regular activities, which they previously enjoyed
- They may be involved with a new group of people
- They may express extreme and obsessive views and even hatred
- They may talk about acts of violence
- They may have links on their social media to extreme and violent groups
- They may be trying to encourage others into supporting extreme views and groups
- They may be dismissive of other people's views and opinions
- In some cases they may even change their appearance and dress



## **Safeguarding Students**

Storyy Training has a duty to safeguard all of our students. You may hear or see something that makes you feel uncomfortable or makes you think 'it's probably nothing but...'

If you have a concern or you see something that just doesn't feel right then please say something. Please don't rely on others, 'if you suspect it, report it'. This is a key message from the Police, at a time when terrorism is a serious concern and threat to the United Kingdom.

If you have any concerns then either report them to Storyy Training Safeguarding Officer or your tutor. If you report the matter, you can always ask the Storyy Training staff not to mention your name when they speak to the person.



## **Staying Safe Online**

Social Media platforms, like Twitter and Facebook, are a great way to connect with friends and family, share your thoughts and ideas and connect with like-minded people. The Internet and Social Media are also used by Extremists and Terrorist to promote their ideology and recruit or radicalise people. Take a look through our staying safe online page for hints and tips to make sure you & your family stay safe online.

For more information or to make contact with a support organisation regarding Bullying, Harassment and Internet Safety

## **Stop Terrorists & Extremists Online Presence**