



E-Safety Risk Assessment

It is important to support people with learning difficulties to access the internet for use in learning, employment, home, social and leisure contexts. However, we recognise that people with learning difficulties may be vulnerable online and we must do everything possible to ensure they are safe, and that they know what to do should a situation arise that they are unsure about.

The East Midlands e-safety project has developed a range of materials that will be useful for people with learning difficulties and the individuals who support them.

Readers are signposted to the project website (www.em-esafetypoint.co.uk), e-safety policies and the 5 e-safeTs.

Key considerations

- Does the individual have mental capacity for the activities to be undertaken? If not a best interest judgement should be made relevant to the specific situation.
- Can the individual concerned access the computer and the internet independently, or is support required?
- Has the individual followed an induction programme in which the risks associated with using the internet have been explained?
- Has the individual agreed to the organisation's policies?
- Does the individual know what to do if an issue arises?
- Is the risk assessment regularly reviewed and updated as the individual develops?
- Are the parameters of use for an individual documented and shared with relevant others?



Name of individual:

Staff completing Risk Assessment:

Date:

Activity	Learner skills, ability and understanding	Staff Awareness and understanding	Strategies implemented to support the individual	Authorisation – <i>Independent (I) or Requires Support (RS)</i>
Logging on				
Password Security				
Online research/searching				
Social Networking				
Collaborative Projects				
E-books				
Using Personal Devices				



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Downloading Images and photos				
Taking and using photos of self and others				
Online shopping				
Online gaming				
Online dating				
Other				



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Additional comments

Risk assessment shared with:

Next review date:



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