

Welfare Awareness Topic: Radicalisation

Overview: *Why do we need to talk about radicalisation? Now more than ever the threat of terrorism seems very real. With the immediate and graphic nature of news coverage and its presence on social media platforms, the constant discussion can sometimes feel overwhelming.*

Firstly, let's clarify the terminology:

Terrorism is defined as an action that endangers or causes serious violence to a person/people; causes serious damage to property; or seriously interferes with or disrupts an electronic system. The use of threat must be designed to influence the government or to intimidate the public and is made for the purpose of advancing political, religious or ideological cause (Section 1 of the Terrorism Act 2000).

Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups. So why do workplaces and educational institutes have a responsibility to talk about terrorism and radicalisation? We know that radicalisation can present itself in several different ways. However, irrespective of the mechanism used, or the ideologies followed, it can pose serious risks to a person's safety. This responsibility is called **Prevent**, and its purpose is to identify any situations where radicalisation might be taking place and to intervene to stop any harm coming to the person being radicalised.

With online interactions currently being a large portion of individuals' daily lives, people might be increasingly vulnerable to the risk of radicalisation. Perhaps feeling a disconnect with normal social groups and extended family, individuals may be speaking with different groups online, and not all will have their best interests at heart.

Please be aware of any activity online that concerns you, either involving yourself, a peer/ family member.

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Check out [Lets Talk About It](#), which has more info and resources about prevent and radicalisation.

The NSPCC also has more information about radicalisation available [here](#).

If you are concerned about someone within BPP then please contact prevent@bpp.com.

If you are worried about someone in your own life, perhaps a friend or family member and want to seek advice on how to help them, please visit [ACT Early](#) for advice and information.

If you're concerned about the activity of someone else and that there may be an immediate risk of harm to themselves/ others, please call the National Police Prevent Line – 0800 011 3764 in confidence to share your concerns. The advice line is open 9-5 every day.

Support

If you would like to talk to the safeguarding team about anything you have just read, we will listen without judgement and signpost you to support. If you would like to talk to a member of the Safeguarding Team then please get in touch: safeguarding@bpp.com