

ONLINE SAFETY ACT NETWORK

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Policy area	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats
Online Safety Act and related commitments re children	<p>Put guidance on banning mobile phones in the school day on a statutory footing which will require all schools to operate a ban, as the best schools already do. We will provide funding for schools to help them ban mobile phones where they need it.</p> <p>Consult on introducing further parental controls over access to social media. We know this is a complex area and we need more effective age verification and parental controls. That's why we will consult widely to get this right, including developing the necessary technology, in partnership with other countries who are considering similar measures.</p> <p>Build on the existing responsibilities set out for social media companies under the Online Safety Act.</p>	<p>Children and young people face significant harm online, with inappropriate content too easily available at their fingertips on a smartphone. We have seen an increase in extreme misogynistic content online driving a culture of violence against women.</p> <p>Labour will build on the Online Safety Act, bringing forward provisions as quickly as possible, and explore further measures to keep everyone safe online, particularly when using social media.</p> <p>We will also give coroners more powers to access information held by technology companies after a child's death.</p>	<p>Protect and support the rights and wellbeing of every child by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Incorporating the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into UK law.- setting up an independent advocacy body for children's safety online. <p>Plus, trebling of Digital Services Tax to fund a mental health practitioner in every schools.</p>
Violence against women and girls	<p>New offences for creation of sexualised deepfake images and taking intimate images without consent.</p>	<p>Banning the creation of sexually explicit deep fakes (related to AI commitment below).</p>	<p>Require social media companies to publish reports setting out the action they have taken to address online abuse against women and girls, and other</p>



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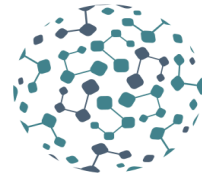
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			groups who share a protected characteristic
Pornography	Carefully consider the recommendations of Baroness Bertin's Independent Review of Pornography and ensure we have the right safeguards in place to protect against any harmful impacts of the industry.		
Online crime		Ban ninja swords, lethal zombie-style blades and machetes, and strengthen rules to prevent online sales. Executives of online companies that flout these rules will be personally held to account through tough sanctions.	Create a new Online Crime Agency to effectively tackle illegal content and activity online, such as personal fraud, revenge porn and threats and incitement to violence on social media.
Hate and extremism		Update the rules around counter-extremism, including online, to stop people being radicalised and drawn towards hateful ideologies.	
Fraud		Introduce a new expanded fraud strategy to tackle the full range of threats, including online, public sector and serious fraud. We will work with technology companies to stop their platforms being exploited by fraudsters.	Launch a high-profile public awareness campaign to help people spot, avoid and report fraud and scams.



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Gambling		Labour is committed to reducing gambling-related harm. Recognising the evolution of the gambling landscape since 2005, Labour will reform gambling regulation, strengthening protections. We will continue to work with the industry on how to ensure responsible gambling.	
Consumer and digital rights			Empower consumers and ensure that everyone can enjoy the benefits of new technology, by setting a UK-wide target for digital literacy and requiring all products to provide a short, clear version of their terms and conditions, setting out the key facts as they relate to individuals' data and privacy. Introducing a Digital Bill of Rights to protect everyone's rights online, including the rights to privacy, free expression, and participation without being subjected to harassment and abuse.
Artificial Intelligence	Nothing on regulation. Much on investment.	Create a new Regulatory Innovation Office, bringing together existing functions across government. This office	Create a clear, workable and well-resourced cross-sectoral regulatory framework for artificial intelligence that:



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		<p>will help regulators update regulation, speed up approval timelines, and co-ordinate issues that span existing boundaries.</p> <p>Ensure the safe development and use of AI models by introducing binding regulation on the handful of companies developing the most powerful AI models and banning the creation of sexually explicit deep fakes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Promotes innovation while creating certainty for AI users, developers and investors.- Establishes transparency and accountability for AI systems in the public sector.- Ensures the use of personal data and AI is unbiased, transparent and accurate, and respects the privacy of innocent people. <p>Negotiate the UK's participation in the Trade and Technology Council with the US and the EU, so we can play a leading role in global AI regulation, and work with international partners in agreeing common standards for AI risk and impact assessment, testing, monitoring and audit.</p>