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This guidance is to ensure safe, responsible, and appropriate use of the internet in Church activities involving children and young people.

This guidance applies to all Church personnel, volunteers, and group leaders who use the internet as part of Church activities, especially those involving children and young people.

## Unacceptable Behaviours

- Visiting internet sites that contain offensive, obscene, pornographic or illegal material.
- Using a computer to perpetrate any form of fraud or piracy.
- Sending offensive and harassing material via internet or email.
- Using obscene or racist language in computer-assisted communications.
- Publishing defamatory or false material through social networking.
- Introducing malicious software into the network.
- Intentionally damaging ICT equipment.
- Using another user's password or sharing passwords with third parties.

## Responsibilities and Best Practices

- All Church personnel, volunteers, and group leaders must be informed of their responsibilities and sign a **Code of Behaviour**. ([LinkTBC](#))
- Safeguarding children and young people is a primary responsibility.
- Each user of a shared computer must have a unique password.
- Training in responsible internet and computer use is essential.

## Relevant Forms

### SO14

## USEFUL RESOURCES

- **Codes of Behaviour**
- **SBNI Online Safety Hub**