

Counter – Terrorism and Violent Extremism in Australia Fact Sheet | 2025

What is radicalisation?

Radicalisation: is when a person's beliefs move from being relatively conventional to being radical and they want a drastic change in society. It becomes concerning if the person begins to justify, advocate, promote or use violence to achieve a political, religious or ideological goal.

Violent extremism: acts of or support for violence to achieve social, political or legal outcomes or in response to specific political or social grievances.



Gaming safely:

Work by the Extremism and Gaming Research Network, including work on combatting hate and building positive, resilient gaming communities is available at:

Website:

[ExtremismAndGaming.org](https://www.ExtremismAndGaming.org)

The Microsoft Xbox 'Gaming Safety Toolkit' provides easy to follow and practical advice for parents on talking to young people and understanding their online gaming experience. It includes instructions on activating parental controls and having difficult conversations.



UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNS

Pathways to radicalisation look different for every individual, but some common signs to look out for are:

- Sudden or gradual changes in time online
- Social withdrawal
- Sudden or concerning changes in behaviour(s), interests, and appearance(s)

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SOMEONE:

Family, friends and communities can help a person who is trying to disengage from violent extremism by:

- maintaining open, honest communication
- rejecting the negative behavior but accepting the person
- helping them to relate to people in a positive way
- helping them find constructive ways to pursue their cause
- helping them get professional support for any physical or emotional issues, and
- helping them discover who they are and how to positively express their identity.



SPEAKING TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT VIOLENT EXTREMISM

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

eSafety Commissioner has produced resources for parents and caregivers on speaking to children and young people of all ages about online safety, including a free monthly newsletter:

Website:

www.esafety.gov.au/parents

WHO TO CONTACT FOR HELP

STEP TOGETHER - available to individuals in all jurisdictions

Step Together has resources available for parents, family and friends on speaking to children and young people of all ages about terrorism and violent extremism.

Website: [StepTogether.nsw.gov.au](https://www.StepTogether.nsw.gov.au)

Phone: 1800 875 204 (available 9am - 5pm AEST Monday to Friday)

Website: [StepTogether.nsw.gov.au](https://www.StepTogether.nsw.gov.au) (prior to the national rollout)



RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

Talking to children about being online safely resources for educators including teachers and community leaders, is available at:

Website:

www.esafety.gov.au/educators

KIDS HELPLINE

Provides counselling for young Australians aged 5 to 25 no matter who they are, where they live or what they want to talk about.

Phone: 1800 551 800 (available 24/7)

LIFELINE

Free, 24-hour telephone crisis support service in Australia.

Phone: 13 11 14 (available 24/7)



Communities play a key role in keeping Australia a safe and resilient country

INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

are programs designed to disengage individuals from a path of violent extremism or terrorism, and reintegrate them into their community through individualised support such as physical and mental health programs, community integration programs, and mentorship.

Referrals can be made through the National Security Hotline, Police, or Health and Education providers.

In an emergency:

IMMEDIATE THREAT TO LIFE OR PROPERTY:

Phone: 000

Text: 106

If you can't speak English you can call Triple Zero (000) from a fixed line and ask for 'Police', 'Fire', or 'Ambulance'. Once connected you need to stay on the line and a translator will be organised.

IN AN ATTACK:

Follow the ESCAPE. HIDE. TELL. principles to keep yourself and others around you safe.

Website: nationalecurity.gov.au/what-can-i-do/what-to-do-in-an-attack

To report a security concern:

NATIONAL SECURITY HOTLINE

Phone: within Australia: 1800 123 400

Phone: outside Australia: +61 1300 123 401

Teletypewriter: 1800 234 889

SMS: 0429 771 822

Email: hotline@nationalecurity.gov.au

TO REPORT ONLINE MATERIAL

Where possible report material directly to the platform the material is on, such as the social media site. Refer material to the eSafety Commissioner for review and possible take down:

Website: esafety.gov.au/report/forms

Translation and interpreting services

The National Translating and Interpreting Service has a panel of credentialed interpreters speaking more than 150 languages who can provide immediate translating services:

Website: www.tisnational.gov.au

Phone within Australia: 131 450 **Phone** outside Australia: +61 3 9268 8332



ESCAPE.

Move quickly and quietly away from danger.



HIDE.

Stay out of sight and silence your phones.



TELL.

Call the police by dialling 000 when it is safe.



PROTECTING YOURSELF AND CHILDREN ONLINE:

- Enforce parental controls
- Have open and non-judgemental conversations
- Minimise unsupervised use of technology
- Promote positive behaviours
- Report extreme violence or terrorism online

