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# E-safety – raising awareness in the classroom

## Webinar handout

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### What is e-safety?

*“E-safety is being aware of the nature of the possible threats that you could encounter whilst engaging in activity through the Internet, these could be security threats, protecting and managing your personal data, online reputation management, and avoiding harmful or illegal content.”* Source: <https://swgfl.org.uk/online-safety/what-is-online-safety/>

Online safety has become of great concern to parents and teachers alike. We all want our children to be safe, but are we doing enough? Is there something else that we can be doing to ensure our kids become safe online? Here are some tips and resources to help you starting learning about how to become safer online.

### Know your reality

- Find out your institution’s policies and what your responsibilities are.
- Reflect on your own online safety. Should you be doing something else?
- What devices do your students use?

### Get practical

- Use a lesson plan on Fake news: <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/teaching-resources/teaching-secondary/lesson-plans/intermediate-b1/fake-news>

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- Use a video to raise awareness of e-safety:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=funE9tCVu3w&t=117s>
  - Investigate whether or not the tree octopus is real : <https://zapatopi.net/treeoctopus/>
  - Find more British Council lesson plans on online safety:  
<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/teaching-resources/teaching-secondary/lesson-plans/pre-intermediate-a2/online-safety-teenagers>

## Be informed

- Get ideas and information from a non-for profit charity designed for schools:  
<https://swgfl.org.uk/>
- You and your students can learn how to spot Fake news:  
<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading/b1-reading/how-spot-fake-news>

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A recording of María José's webinar can be found here:

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/news-and-events/webinars/webinars-teachers/policies-and-practices-elt-classroom-mini-event>