



THE SOURCE

The Source Academy Safeguarding Newsletter

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Prevent is about safeguarding our students to keep them both safe and within the law. The **Prevent Duty** is not about preventing students from having political and religious views and concerns but about supporting them to use those concerns or act on them in non-extremist ways.

What do I need to know?

What is the Prevent Duty?

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on certain bodies, including us, to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism".

What is Extremism?

The government has defined extremism in **the Prevent Duty** as: "vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs." This also includes calls for the death of members of the British armed forces.

What are British Values?

British values are defined as "democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs"; institutions are expected to encourage students to respect other people with particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in **the Equality Act 2010**.

Sources:

<http://www.preventforfeandtraining.org.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-prevent-duty-in-further-education-and-skills-providers>

What is Channel?

Channel is a programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. The programme uses a multi-agency approach to protect vulnerable people by:

- identifying individuals at risk
- assessing the nature and extent of that risk
- developing the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned

What are my responsibilities?

All provider staff have a legal responsibility under the Prevent Duty to make sure that:

- they have undertaken training in the Prevent Duty as identified by their leaders and managers including the principal
- they are aware of when they should refer concerns about students, learners or colleagues to the Prevent officer, usually the provider's safeguarding officer
- they act in a way that demonstrates British values in their work. British values are defined as "democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs".

Are there any warning signs? The first thing to say is that there is no one set of signals that would be a cause for alarm. Behaviours – such as increased arguing, dressing in a particular way, being active on social media or becoming more religious or political – might be typical of any teenager. When it becomes worrisome is if there is a combination of some of the following:

- when a person cuts off ties with friends and family to keep company with a new circle
- when they start to support violence
- when they suddenly become disinterested in school or activities they previously liked to do
- when they express hateful views or use derogatory terms towards other individuals or groups
- if they are spending time on their computer researching extremist groups
- if they are liking or retweeting posts made by fighters or extremist ideologues on their social media accounts

Source - <http://connectfutures.org/factsheetworried-extremism-terrorism-radicalisation/>

Useful websites:

<http://www.preventforfeandtraining.org.uk/s-what-do-i-need-know>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/?gclid=CNvG6sbMgdUCFRXgGwodlhgOBw>

If you have any concerns about a learner or a colleague please contact Andy Womble on 075843981447 or Helen Lee on 07827852504.