



Sussex Police



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Welcome to our Sussex Police Youth Safety & Intervention Team newsletter.

The aim of the newsletter is to provide you with snapshots of information that is relevant to you all. If you have any information/news that I can share, then please let me know and I'll do my best to include it in future mailings.

However please make contact if you wish to be removed from the mailing list or if you would like the newsletter to be sent to a different email address. youthsafety@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Please note that some of the information has been included in this bulletin by partners and other organisations. In including the information this does not mean that Sussex Police are endorsing this work.

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SAFE SPACE SUSSEX APP

This app has been developed following detailed consultation with partners and public regarding the safety of women and girls in Sussex.

The **FREE SAFE SPACE SUSSEX APP** is aimed at helping people (not just women and girls) if they find themselves feeling unsafe or vulnerable for whatever reason, outside of their home during the day, evening or night time, by being able to access locations of local businesses, that have signed up offering somewhere safe to wait until the police or a trusted contact can reach them, or they feel they are no longer unsafe.

All SafeSpaces will offer a non-judgmental approach and the use of a telephone if needed. There will always be more than one member of staff on duty to ensure the safety of both the person looking for a safe space and the member of staff.

Please do share with your students and staff as we'd love to get as many people as possible signed up and benefiting from this APP.

The SAFESPACESUSSEX app is available for free download from the Apple App and Google Play stores now.

The banner features a blue background. On the left, there is a QR code and the Apple App Store logo. In the center, the text 'Find specially designated safe spaces near you' is displayed in white. To the right, there is a smartphone showing a map with red location pins. The 'SAFE SPACE SUSSEX' logo is at the top left of the banner.



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Recognising sexual harassment and misogynistic behaviour

FREE Active Bystanders training sessions delivered by Survivors Network are now available to book online using the following link - Attendees must be over 18yrs old

[Bystander Intervention Training Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

The sessions last about 90 minutes and aim to help participants #DotheRightThing by:

- recognising sexual harassment and misogynistic behaviour & understanding how it contributes to unsafe public spaces for certain groups of people
- understanding the impact of sexual harassment and misogynistic behaviour
- learning & practising tools and techniques to challenge this behaviour in a safe way

Survivors Network have also developed a series of short videos covering these objectives please see the link <https://survivors-network.thinkific.com/>

The webinar includes 3 modules of pre-recorded content covering:

- What is sexual harassment and misogyny?
- What are the impacts of sexual harassment and misogyny?
- Learn tools and skills to challenge this behaviour when we see it.

Dark Web Explained

Do not understand the Dark Web and feel unequipped to talk to a young person about it should the need arise.

The Dark Web Explained has been created by the National Crime Agency in collaboration with The Children's Society and Marie Collins Foundation. **This resource is intended for professionals and parents and carers only** and is not intended for young people. It is strongly advise that you do not have conversations about the Dark Web with your children if they are not already using it.

The Dark Web Explained consists of a short informational film with separate fact sheets for parents and carers and professionals. The resource can help you to:

- understand what the Dark Web is
- know why and how some young people might access the Dark Web
- feel confident having conversations and supporting your child if you know they are accessing the Dark Web.

When to call the police guidance for Schools and Colleges

This advice is for school and college staff with responsibility for behaviour management, including designated safeguarding leads (DSLs), their deputies, head teachers and senior leadership teams in schools and colleges in England.

This advice covers incidents on school and college premises where students have potentially committed a crime. It provides guidance on what schools and colleges should bear in mind when considering contacting the police.

This advice aims to support schools and college to make decisions when considering whether to involve the police. [Link to the national guidance.](#)