

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDANCE



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REFLECT THE VALUES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Promote worship, love, inclusion, empowerment and evangelism.

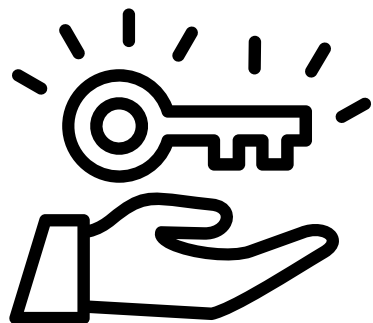
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REPORT CONCERNS IMMEDIATELY

Alert your safeguarding officer to any concerns you have.

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ACCOUNT ACCESS

Ensure church or organisational social media accounts have multiple administrators.

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DON'T SHARE IN HASTE

Read content and watch videos fully before sharing.

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CONSENT

Obtain consent before sharing photos or videos of individuals.

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CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

Admins of pages or groups tailored for U-18s may need an enhanced DBS.

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MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY

Is the content yours to tell? Only share personal stories with permission.

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BOUNDARY SETTING

Set clear guidelines and boundaries when engaging online.

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An online presence allows you to shape how others see your church. Reflecting Methodist values ensures a positive, authentic image, strengthens outreach, and invites others into your faith community.



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REPORT CONCERNS IMMEDIATELY

The safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults especially, must be maintained. If you have a safeguarding concern, inform your Regional Officer for Safeguarding immediately.



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ACCOUNT ACCESS

Always ensure that accounts used to communicate on behalf of your church or organisation have multiple administrators. Administrators should complete the Digital Keyholder Form.



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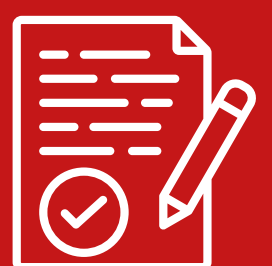
Read linked content thoroughly, or watch a video to the end so you know exactly what you are sharing. Don't share online content such as videos that belong to someone else without their permission.



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CONSENT

Don't take or share photos online of individuals, especially young people without written consent. Further guidance and consent forms can be found at [Methodist.org.uk](https://www.methodist.org.uk) or by [clicking here](#).



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DO ADMINS NEED DBS CHECKS?

Any online platform set up for the purpose of communicating to or interacting with under 18's may require the account administrators to hold an enhanced DBS certificate. Check the guidance [here](#).



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MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY

Sharing faith experiences and testimonies online can be powerful. Don't share any confidential, personal or sensitive information online without proper permissions.



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SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Church ministers, employees and volunteers must not engage or interact with under 18s online using their own personal accounts. Administrators should also be mindful of their own wellbeing.

