

The Prevent Duty

Radicalisation: talking to children

It can be really hard for parents, carers and workers to talk about terrorism or radicalisation. But it's important for children to know they can talk about things that upset them.

These tips for talking about distressing topics can help:

- listen carefully to all the child's fears and worries
- offer reassurance and comfort
- avoid complicated explanations – these can frighten or confuse the child
- reassure the child they are safe now
- let them know it's OK to be worried or upset
- help them find positive actions that will help them feel better

Children might worry more if they are exposed to books, stories, discussions, news or films online or on television that are scary, or they are too young to understand. Help children by keeping their media content age appropriate.

While worrying and being afraid can be part of normal child behaviour it's important to act if you have a concern.

If you are worried talk to your Designated Safeguarding Lead.

