



Harmful Digital Communications Act

The Harmful Digital Communications Act lays out 10 communication principles that guide how to communicate online.

You can report online issues including scams, or online harassment, cyberbullying and online abuse to Netsafe. Our team will review your report and give you advice and information, and let you know the options available to you.

A digital communication shouldn't:

- 1 disclose sensitive personal facts about an individual
- 2 be threatening, intimidating, or menacing
- 3 be grossly offensive to a reasonable person in the position of the affected individual
- 4 be indecent or obscene
- 5 be used to harass an individual
- 6 make a false allegation
- 7 contain a matter that is published in breach of confidence
- 8 incite or encourage anyone to send a message to an individual for the purpose of causing harm to the individual
- 9 incite or encourage an individual to commit suicide
- 10 denigrate an individual by reason of his or her colour, race, ethnic or national origins, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability

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