



Be Connected is an Australian Government initiative designed to improve the digital confidence, skills and online safety of all Australians.

Developed by the eSafety Commissioner and the Department of Social Services, Be Connected aims to empower people to thrive in a digital world through:

- A dedicated learning site with free online courses, interactive training tools and resources.
- Face-to-face coaching and support through the Be Connected Network, delivered by over 2,100 community organisations across Australia including libraries, neighbourhood centres, community clubs and aged care facilities.
- Outreach activities delivered through online and face-to-face presentations, designed to help Australians stay safer online.

More than 45 free, interactive courses

Be Connected caters to all skill levels – from absolute beginners through to those who are more confident online. There is a wide range of topics covered, including:

- The absolute basics of using a device.
- How to use the internet and email.
- How to shop online safely.
- How to avoid scams and tricks.
- How to use video calling to keep in touch with family and friends.
- Online interests and hobbies like researching family history, with a bonus 'how to' eBook for registered users.

Join the Be Connected Network

If you are delivering digital and social inclusion activities at a local level, join the Be Connected Network to become part of a national cohort supporting digitally excluded people and communities. Find out more at:

beconnected.esafety.gov.au/network-partners.

There's never been a better time to get online. Visit <u>beconnected.esafety.gov.au</u> today or call the Be Connected helpline on 1300 795 897.

