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The Online Safety Act...

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1 Do your illegal content risk assessment by 16 March 2025 and be prepared to submit it to Ofcom

This **assessment** should consider the risk of various types of **illegal content** being encountered on your service and **measures** you can take to reduce this risk.



2 Establish which 'Illegal Content' duties apply to you by 17 March 2025

Get to grips with Ofcom's **codes of practice** and **guidance** on **illegal harms** and take steps to start implementing **appropriate safety measures** on your service.



3 Carry out your children's access assessment by 16 April 2025

Work out if children are **likely to access your services** – if they are – you will need to **comply with additional duties**.

4

Complete your children's risk assessments and comply with child safety duties by July 2025

Services likely to be accessed by children must undertake a **children's risk assessment** and **implement safety measures** to protect children online.

5

Governance and internal compliance programme

Start developing an internal **governance** and **accountability framework** to address online safety and appoint **senior individuals** to be responsible for **OSA compliance** across the organisation.

