



SoSAFE! User Training Program

Integrity Agreement and License to use SoSAFE! Framework

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About the SoSAFE! Framework

SoSAFE! is a framework of concepts, tools and visual support materials to promote social skills and social safety, designed for the learning, communication and cognitive needs of people with moderate to severe intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder. As a result of its design, the SoSAFE! Framework is developmentally-appropriate for a range of other needs.

Please refer to the Definitions of key terms (underlined) that are used in this Integrity and Licensing Agreement, and other information about the SoSAFE! Framework, which can be found in a table at the end of this document.

1. Permission to Use SoSAFE! Framework concepts, tools, and materials

Purchase of the SoSAFE! Framework and completion of the accompanying introductory training ('SoSAFE! User Training') grants permission and authorisation to the person who has completed the training and registered their details (the 'SoSAFE! User') to use the concepts, tools, and materials provided in the resource pack, and other SoSAFE! resources subsequently purchased.

Once you have purchased the SoSAFE! Framework, completed SoSAFE! User Training (including registration as a SoSAFE! User), you are permitted to:

- 1.1. Use the SoSAFE! Framework and implement SoSAFE! Programs with your clients, students or child/ren in the manner specified in SoSAFE! User Training, the SoSAFE! Framework Manual, and other implementation guidance materials;
- 1.2. Print and/or create electronic versions of SoSAFE! Framework tools, pictographs and other materials as required to support implementation with your clients, students or child/ren;
- 1.3. Purchase or access additional SoSAFE! resources and materials to support your use and implementation of the SoSAFE! Framework that are restricted to trained and registered SoSAFE! Users. Purchasers will need to provide their SoSAFE! User/Manual
- 1.4. Provide information to parents, carers, professionals and other community workers in the life of your clients, students or child/ren that enables them to understand and support implementation of SoSAFE!;

2. Restrictions on use of SoSAFE! Framework and materials

2.1. SoSAFE! Users are not permitted to:

- a) Train, or represent that they are able to train, other people to be SoSAFE! Users.

Please note: A SoSAFE! User Training course is a not a Key Worker or Train-the-Trainer program, it is an introductory course to assist Users to understand the implement the SoSAFE! Framework with fidelity.

- b) Distribute and provide electronic access to SoSAFE! Framework concepts, tools and materials to other people who are not directly involved with implementing and supporting the use of the SoSAFE! Framework with the client, student or child/ren of the registered SoSAFE! User.

2.2. SoSAFE! Users ARE encouraged to find creative and innovative ways to implement the SoSAFE! Framework in the best interests and for the benefit of their clients, students and/or children. SHFPACT welcomes sharing within the SoSAFE! User community of good practice implementation of the SoSAFE! Framework.



- 2.3. The use of SoSAFE! concepts, tools and materials for non-commercial purposes in other publications, programs or resources is not permitted without written permission from SHFPACT.
- 2.4. SoSAFE! Users are NOT permitted to use, copy, distribute, reproduce electronically, or on-sell SoSAFE! tools, materials or resources commercially or for profit. SHFPACT's copyright and intellectual property rights in SoSAFE! will be actively protected.
- 2.5. It is acceptable for SoSAFE! Users who provide services on a fee-for-service basis to recover costs associated with supplying SoSAFE! tools and resources to their clients.

3. SoSAFE! Framework Integrity

- 3.5. The SoSAFE! Framework is an integrated toolkit of concepts, tools, and materials that are designed and intended to be implemented proactively in its entirety in accordance with the Program stages and steps set out in the SoSAFE! Manual (and other implementation guidance). Consistency of instruction and use of concepts, simplification of a complex social world, and extensive use of visual teaching tools and symbols, use of augmentative and alternative technology and other forms of 'thought-support', are all central to successful implementation of the SoSAFE! Framework.
- 3.6. Necessarily, the particular implementation and use of the SoSAFE! Framework must reflect individual needs and the context of implementation. The purpose of completing SoSAFE! User Training is to ensure that SoSAFE! Users understand where variation is permissible and where consistency is critical to achieving the intended social skills development and social safety outcomes.
- 3.7. Use of individual concepts, tools and materials isolated from the rest of the SoSAFE! Framework is not recommended or authorised. SoSAFE! Users agree to not distribute or otherwise make available concepts, tools and materials from the SoSAFE! Framework in a manner that implies or suggests to others that they can be successfully used in isolation from the overall program design and recommended implementation approach.

4. Safeguarding and Protective Environments

- 4.8. It is well established in published literature that the target audiences for the SoSAFE! Framework have increased vulnerability to sexual and other forms of exploitation and abuse, and the target audiences have an increased reliance and dependency on parents/carers and others that forms part of this increased vulnerability.
- 4.9. The use of the SoSAFE! Framework, its tools and associated programs will not ensure that this vulnerability and risk of abuse and exploitation is eliminated or entirely mitigated for each person in their individual circumstances, but used and applied as designed and intended, may contribute to this outcome.
- 4.10. It is the responsibility of SoSAFE! Users, including parents and carers, health, education, community services, and other human service providers to ensure their own safeguarding practices, policies and procedures are established for the prevention, detection, reduction, and response to potential and actual abuse, exploitation and vulnerability in the lives of their clients, students, or child/ren.



Breach

The purpose of this Integrity Agreement and License to use SoSAFE! Framework tools and materials is to ensure:

- a. Appropriate understanding of the needs and responsibility for safeguarding of clients, students and children when implementing the SoSAFE! Framework and SoSAFE! Programs;
- b. The appropriate and consistent use of SoSAFE! concepts and tools, and the avoidance of misuse by people who are not trained and registered SoSAFE! Users;
- c. Protection of SHFPACT's intellectual property rights.

SHFPACT reserves the right to cancel or limit, at its discretion, the registration and associated authorisations of SoSAFE! Users who are found to grossly and recklessly breach this Integrity and Licensing Agreement.

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<p>I, _____, [name]</p> <p>confirm that I have read the Integrity and Licensing Agreement, and that I understand, accept and agree to use the SoSAFE! Framework, its tools and materials within the parameters set out in this Agreement, and to respect the limits and restrictions it places on SoSAFE! Users.</p> <p>_____ (Signature) Date: ___/___/_____</p>	
<p>SoSAFE! User Identification Number <i>(the code/number on the front cover of your SoSAFE! Manual)</i></p>	

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Visual and Conceptual Tools for
Promoting Social Safety
for people with Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder
and for typically developing learners in Early Childhood

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Definitions of Key Terms

The SoSAFE! Framework Manual, training presentation and promotional materials refer to certain terms that have specific meanings with the SoSAFE! Framework:

SoSAFE! Framework	We mean: the ‘toolkit’ of design features, concepts, tools, materials, resources and guidance material that is purchased by Users accompanying introductory training.
A SoSAFE! Program	We mean: the use and implementation of the SoSAFE! Framework with a client, student or child in a purposefully designed program of learning and social skills training, tailored where required to their specific needs. A SoSAFE! Program can only be implemented by a SoSAFE! User who has completed SoSAFE! User Training.
Client, Student or Child	We mean: the person or people with whom the SoSAFE! Framework is being used and implemented. Due to SoSAFE!’s specific design features, this will often be a person with a form of cognitive challenge. SoSAFE! can be used with all people; some people benefit from continued use of the tools due to their specific learning, communication and cognitive processing needs.
SoSAFE! User	<p>We mean: a person (often a parent, carer, health, education, or community support professional or volunteer) who has purchased the SoSAFE! Framework and completed SoSAFE! User Training with an authorised training provider, and will implement and use the SoSAFE! Framework with their clients, students or child/ren. The SoSAFE! resources purchased are licensed to the individual SoSAFE! User who actually attended the training, not the employer or organisation that paid for them to attend.</p> <p>SoSAFE! Users will be able to provide evidence, usually in the form of a certificate and possession of original authorised SoSAFE! resources linked to their registration and provided with training.</p> <p>SoSAFE! Users do one or more of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead the implementation and use of the SoSAFE! Framework and tools with their clients, students and child/ren, including coordination of providing information and SoSAFE! tools to non-Users who are supporting implementation (for example, a classroom teacher who takes responsibility for teaching SoSAFE! concepts and creating People & Relationships Books for their students, and provides information on key concepts to parents/carers to support consistency and reinforced learning at home) 2. Support implementation of SoSAFE! within a community of support for their clients, students or child/ren (for example, a teaching/learning assistant who is supporting implementation of SoSAFE! in the classroom) 3. Using SoSAFE! concepts and tools with their clients, students or child/ren when it is being implemented by someone else (for example, an allied health professional who wishes to understand how the SoSAFE! Framework operates to ensure consistent implementation and benefit from connecting with a client’s existing knowledge and skills learned through SoSAFE!, OR a respite care service that wants to ensure consistent expectations and rules about touch contact and privacy are observed by all staff and clients in their service, but isn’t directly implementing a SoSAFE! Program with those clients)
SoSAFE! User Training	We mean: an introductory training course provided with purchase of the SoSAFE! Framework and provided by a Trainer and Training Organisation authorised by SHFPACT.

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Authorised Trainer	We mean: a person authorised by agreement with SHFPACT in writing to facilitate SoSAFE! User Training courses.
Authorised Training Organisation / SoSAFE! Partner	We mean: an organisation authorised under an agreement with SHFPACT to provide SoSAFE! User Training and offer implementation support within a specified area, region or country.
SoSAFE! Concepts	We mean: the standardised definitions and teaching scripts and associated pictographs for core ideas about the body, relationships and social safety that underpin the use and implementation of the SoSAFE! Framework.
SoSAFE! Tools	We mean: the specific design features and resources provided in print and electronically that assist the acquisition, maintenance, generalisation and continuing use of SoSAFE! Framework. These include: standardised teaching scripts/definitions for concepts, the Talk Touch Triangle, the Steps to Relationship, and People & Relationships book tools.
SoSAFE! Materials	We mean: any other materials, resources, guidance material that makes use of the SoSAFE! Framework or supports Users to implement the SoSAFE! Framework.