

Religious laws

The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy with no official state religion across the whole country, but they do have the Church of England and it is the established church in England, and also the Church of Scotland that is recognized as the national church in Scotland. Freedom of religion or belief is protected under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the European Convention on Human Rights (Article 9).

But even if they don't have an official religion, a majority of the population is considered religious. Adding that the UK is religiously diverse, Christianity being the largest faith, but there are significant Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Jewish communities. Religious institutions are free to operate without mandatory state registration, though charities and schools must comply with regulatory frameworks.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/uk-approach-to-freedom-of-religion-or-belief-lord-collins-speech-july-2025>
<https://freedomhouse.org/country/united-kingdom/freedom-word/2025>



Internet freedoms

The UK is a country that guarantees freedom of expression under the Human Rights Act in their laws, but this right is subject to restrictions deemed “necessary in a democratic society,” such as preventing hate speech, terrorism, or threats to public order. It's important to say that in 2023, the Online Safety Act was passed, significantly changing internet regulation in recent years. It requires platforms to:

As said previously remove any kind of illegal content such as terrorism or hate speech

Start enforcing age verification for harmful material for underage people such as pornography or violent content.

Some critics argue that the law is too oppressive and could risk free expression as a whole, also saying that even if its not used as that today in the future it could be used as a tool to prohibit some media to the public, but despite those concerns we can say that the uk maintains a free internet.

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<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2023/50/contents>