

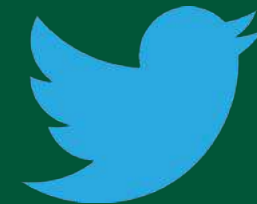
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# Brand Safety

From MMA's SAVE Council



SAVE Partners



Session 3 – Oct 26, 2021

**Brand Safety Tool and Vendor  
Management Best Practices, Resources  
& Budgeting for Brand Safety**



# Today's Agenda: Brand Safety Tool and Vendor Management Best Practices, Resources & Budgeting for Brand Safety

## Opening Remarks

About MMA, Webinar Series  
Background & Context



Lou Paskalis,  
President & COO,  
MMA Global



## Strategy Guide

Brand Safety Strategy Guide: Tool and  
Vendor Management Best Practices,  
Resources & Budgeting for Brand Safety



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Senior Vice  
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Global Media  
Mastercard



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EVP, Global  
Digital Standards,  
Publicis Media



## Twitter's Take

Fireside Chat: Consider needs of  
unique environments



Allison Shafir,  
Brand Safety  
Partnerships Lead,  
Twitter



Marissa McArdle  
SVP, Programmatic  
& Social Product,  
Double Verify



## Concluding Remarks

Q&A + Overview of Brand  
Safety Institute



Neal Thurman,  
Co-Founder, BSI



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# LEADING MARKETERS TO BRAND SAFETY EXCELLENCE



**15+** BRAND SAFETY  
EXPERTS

**5** SESSIONS

**9** CHAPTERS  
(55+ pages)

What is Brand  
Safety, why does  
it matter, and who  
are the  
stakeholders  
involved?

August 25 2021,  
11:00AM EDT



Determine Your  
Brand Safety  
Standards,  
Exploring Brand  
Safety vs.  
Suitability

September 15, 2021,  
11:00AM EDT



Brand Safety  
Tool and Vendor  
Management  
Best Practices,  
Resources &  
Budgeting for  
Brand Safety

October 26, 2021,  
11:00AM EDT



Brand Safety  
Incident  
Management,  
Governance, and  
Performance  
Management

November 17, 2021,  
11:00AM EST



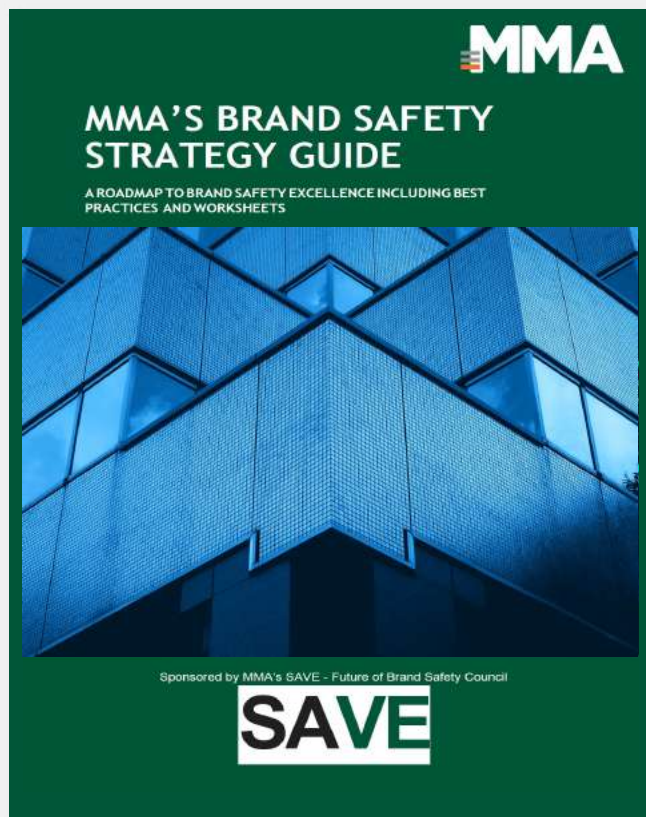
The Impact and  
Future of Brand  
Safety: What  
Should You Lookout  
for?

December 8, 2021,  
11:00AM EST





# The Brand Safety Strategy Guide, created for Marketers by Marketers



## MMA's Brand Safety Guide

Comprehensive 55+ page strategy guide for marketers, by marketers to:

1. Deepen Brand's knowledge around creating a corporate **brand safety** strategy
2. Formulating **proactive responses**
3. **best practices**, by leading marketers, and
4. **practical worksheets**.

Full guide **available to MMA Members** after webinar series is complete.

Chapter 1: What Is Brand Safety And Why Does It Matter?

Chapter 2: Stakeholder Roles & Responsibilities

Chapter 3: Determine Your Brand Safety Standards

Chapter 4: Resources And Budgeting

Chapter 5: Brand Safety Tool Selection

Chapter 6: Brand Safety Vendor Selection & Management

Chapter 7: Crisis Management Process

Chapter 8: Governance & Performance Management

Chapter 9: The Future Of Brand Safety?

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flowers.com

MARRIOTT

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EXPRESS

Beam SUNTORY

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Group

MillerCoors

Ford

BANK OF AMERICA

RetailMeNot

Unilever

# MMA's SAVE Council Leadership & Partners

## SAVE's Program Chairs & Expert Advisors

- Terri Schriver – SVP Media & Brand Safety Exec, **Bank of America**
- Lauren Radcliffe, SVP Marketing, **A Place for Mom**
- Joshua Lowcock, **UM Worldwide** – Brand Safety Expert & Advisor

## Member Participants



## SAVE's Content Leads

- Brian Pokorny, **MolsonCoors**
- Cathy Hoag, **Marriott International**
- Shani Belisle, **AT&T**
- Bryan Steele, **General Motors**
- Jessica Ruscito, **CVS Pharmacy Inc**
- EJ Conlin, **Travelers**

## Academic Team

- Andrew Stephen, Assoc. Dean of Research **Oxford University**
- Lauren Grewal, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, **Dartmouth University**





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AUGUST- DECEMBER



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■ MMA x CDP  
CERTIFICATION  
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■ MOSTT UNPLUGGED  
VIRTUAL  
OCT 19, 2021



■ IMPACT INDONESIA  
OCT 21-22, 2021



■ IMPACT GERMANY  
OCT 27-28, 2021



■ IMPACT VIETNAM  
OCT 29, 2021



■ IMPACT  
JOHANNESBURG  
NOV 2021



■ SMARTIES  
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UNPLUGGED VIRTUAL  
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FRANCE  
DEC 2021



■ IMPACT ISTANBUL  
DEC 7-8, 2021



# The Strategy Guide



**Terri Schriver,**  
SVP of Enterprise  
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As the leader of Bank of America's brand safety practice, Terri focuses on protecting the bank's customers, brand and investment in the media ecosystem.



**Benjamin Jankowski,**  
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As Senior Vice President, Global Media, he is responsible for managing the MasterCard investment in marketing communications.



**Yale Cohen,**  
EVP, Global  
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Yale Cohen serves as EVP of Global Digital Standards for Publicis Media, encompassing all areas of media quality, safety and suitability and now Brand Integrity to help advertisers.



# How do I budget for Brand Safety and Brand Suitability?

How risk adverse are we as an organization?

What is the value of the risk you avert by investing in brand safety measures?





# Budgeting and Resource Allocation for Brand Safety

## Internal Considerations

Brand Safety typically is an operational cost and CPM based.

Brand Safety will require internal resources to monitor and manage.

There are effectively “free” tactics and tool you should implement.

## External Considerations

There is no one-size-fits-all solution in the marketplace.

Select industry-certified solutions that have broad support.

Do not rely strictly on your agency for brand safety.



## Free Tactics and Tools (1/2)

### Strategies to ensure your brand safety and suitability standards are met

- ✓ Inclusion Lists: Lists of sites deemed safe and desirable
- ✓ Exclusion Lists: Lists of sites advertising should not run on
- ✓ Keyword Exclusion Lists: Words advertising should not appear next to
- ✓ Category Exclusions: i.e. adult content, gambling, alcohol-related, etc.
- ✓ Content Label Exclusions based on age

### Changes in Terminology

- Remove “White List” and “Black List” from your vocabulary.
- Instead use “Inclusion List” or “Exclusion List”.

### The “Cost” of Keyword Exclusion Lists

It is understandable to want to avoid being associated with terms like “terrorism” or “disaster”. However, blocking on news related terms will prevent your advertising from appearing on premium news sites – the exact location where you might want to reach your intended audience. Additionally, terms like “shooter” can have multiple meanings. Be judicious in your use of keyword exclusion.



## Free Tactics and Tools (2/2)

### Strategies to ensure your brand safety and suitability standards are met

- ✓ Content/Context Targeting: Content you want to appear next to
- ✓ Audience Targeting: Only serve ads to your intended audience
- ✓ Consider the dangers of placing ads in user-generated content platforms
- ✓ Require programmatic safeguards like ads.txt<sup>1</sup> and sellers.json<sup>2</sup> from media buyers
- ✓ PMPs (Private Marketplaces) help target specific sites, audiences and content to appear next to

<sup>1</sup> Learn more about ads.txt here: <https://support.google.com/adsense/answer/7532444?hl=en>

<sup>2</sup> Learn more about and sellers.json here: <https://support.google.com/adsense/answer/9889911?hl=en>

### Standardize your plan

- Standardize your approach across channels.
- Review at least quarterly. Content, keywords and audiences change over time.
- Ensure your vendors can execute on your strategy.



# Tactic Worksheet

Tools & Tactics	Included in strategy? (Yes/No/TBD)	Requires Vendor? (Y/N)	Applicable in which Channels (web, mobile, search, social, print, TV, radio...)	How to apply in each channel?	Stakeholder responsible
Inclusion Lists					
Exclusion Lists					
Keyword Exclusion					
Purchasing Using Programmatic Safeguards (Ads.txt)					
Domain level exclusion					
Category exclusion					
Content label exclusion					
...					

## Standardize your plan

- Identify non-paid brand safety solutions and operationalize them as additional tools to manage brand safety.
- In which media channels do you deploy these tools?
- Who is responsible for each tool, per channel, if something goes wrong? Identify the internal and/or external stakeholders.
- What is the protocol or process for halting media? Who is the ultimate decisionmaker for halting media?
- Which stakeholders need to be informed of a “pause” in media? What is the protocol or process for starting up again? Who needs to be informed?



# Vendor Assessment

- ✓ Align internally on needs and expectations around brand safety.
- ✓ Level setting around the key principles first will help to better direct the search for the ideal partner(s).
- ✓ The vendor selection process is complex but within your control. Break the process down into steps and stages, include all relevant stakeholders, document protocols, and establish clear criteria and parameters.
- ✓ Have a point of view and agreed-upon approach to brand safety for the business. Many of the recommended tools and processes can be scaled up or down as needed.
- ✓ Management of brand safety vendors and tools requires regular check-ins and updates because the tools and technologies used to monitor brand safety can shift as the digital landscape and needs of the business evolve.





# Vendor Assessment Worksheet

Criteria	Vendor 1	Vendor 2	Vendor...
Key product differentiators			
Pricing models (flat fee, CPM..)			
Account/Client Support			
Relevant Integrations			
Reporting/Analytics			
Brand Safety Methodology			
Industry Accreditations			
Product Roadmap / Innovation			
Approach to Video			
Approach to Social/ Walled Gardens			
Approach to Display			
What is covered (investment spend,impressions...)			
...			

## Needs Assessment

- Whether you're in the process of hiring a new vendor for a brand safety technology or replacing an existing one, this worksheet is a list of possible criteria to consider per vendor when doing your assessment.
- Understand your budget and perform a cost-benefit analysis to help you make decisions.





# Key Takeaways

Determine the risks of brand safety/suitability infractions and budget accordingly.

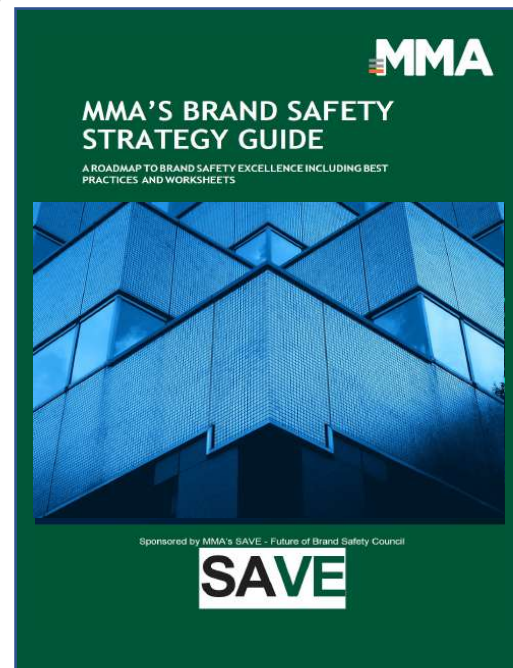
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Brand Safety requires both internal and external resources aligned to the same goals.

2

There are some internal tactics and tools you should implement as part of your strategy.

3



4

Conduct a needs assessment and develop RFP criteria before selecting a new partner.

5

Brand safety and suitability evolves over time. Evaluate continuously and work with partners that can react quickly.

6

Make sure key stakeholders are aware of the risks and costs of ensuring brand safety and help inform the process.

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# Twitter's Take: Fireside Chat with Double Verify



**Allison Shafir**  
Brand Safety Partnerships  
Lead, Twitter

Allison Shafir focuses on Strategic Partnerships within Twitter's Business Development team. She is primarily responsible for identifying, negotiating, and launching partnerships that drive growth in both revenue and user participation. Her role also includes analyzing industry trends to ensure that Twitter is well positioned to capitalize on emerging opportunities, including brand safety, payments, and commerce.



**Marissa McArdle**  
SVP, Programmatic & Social  
Product, Double Verify

Marissa McArdle is responsible for the strategic vision and roadmap for DoubleVerify's social, programmatic, and platform verification, brand suitability, and performance products and integrations. Marissa is a digital product leader with more than 10 years of experience and leadership in the digital and cross platform media measurement space.



**Consider needs of  
unique environments**

*What works in one  
environment might not work  
or harm you in another!*

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## Concluding Remarks



**Neal Thurman**

Co-Founder of the Brand  
Safety Institute

Neal Thurman is the Co-founder of the Brand Safety Institute and Director of the Coalition for Better Ads. Mr. Thurman's career has been intertwined with the evolution of digital technologies for more than 20 years.

He is also the Co-chair of the Education Committee of the Global Alliance for Responsible Media (GARM).





# About The Brand Safety Institute

The Brand Safety Institute was founded to professionalize and advance the executive capacity needed at every company in the digital advertising supply chain to protect their brands and the brands they steward through research, accreditation, networking, and education.







# Our Mission

## STUDY AND RESEARCH

Study and research around the emerging field of Brand Safety and best practices for executives who work in brand protection.

## FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship with a large and growing community of other Brand Safety leaders across the industry to network and share knowledge, experience, and best practices.

## ACCREDITATION

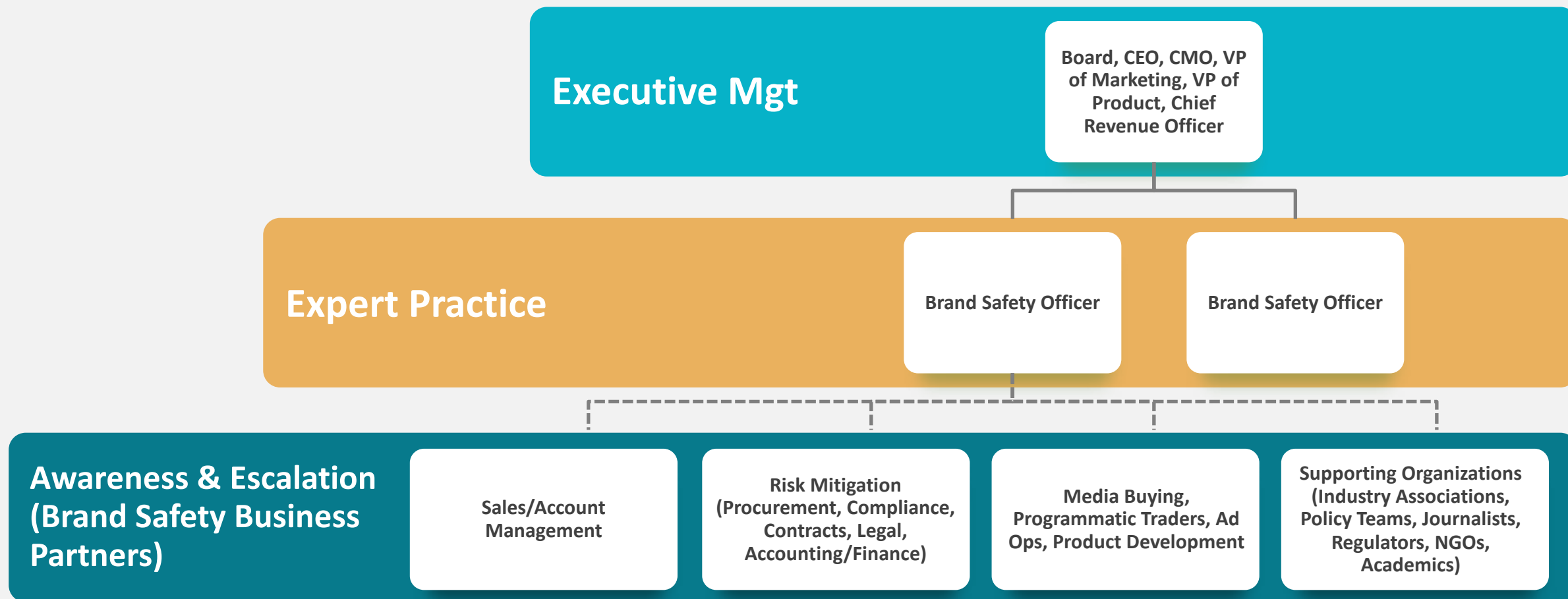
Accreditation of Brand Safety Officers to provide industry recognition for leaders in the field who have achieved expertise in the complicated and quickly-evolving challenges in the space

## EDUCATION

Education for brand safety professionals around the tools, tactics, and technologies available to help protect their organization's brand and contribute to a Brand Safe ecosystem.



# Three Layers of Brand Safety





# What is a Brand Safety Officer?

A certified professional who has undertaken education to deepen their expertise in key areas of brand safety

Is responsible for leading the safeguarding their own firm's brand

Contributes to the community of BSOs to help safeguard the broader digital ad supply chain.



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