

ESW Guidance for Remote Meeting Security

The University is committed to ensuring information security, including protecting itself from both deliberate cyber-attacks and accidental disruption to services.

Zoom Security

The University has produced a [Stay Safe Using Zoom](#) guide. This includes a series of security settings you can use when setting up remote events using the Zoom platform.

A [Zoom Webinar](#) permits only specified panellists and an event host to talk, share their screen, turn on cameras, etc. Other attendees can only utilise the Chat function or Q&A box – both of which can be disabled by the hosts. Contact ITS for further details on how to set up this type of event.

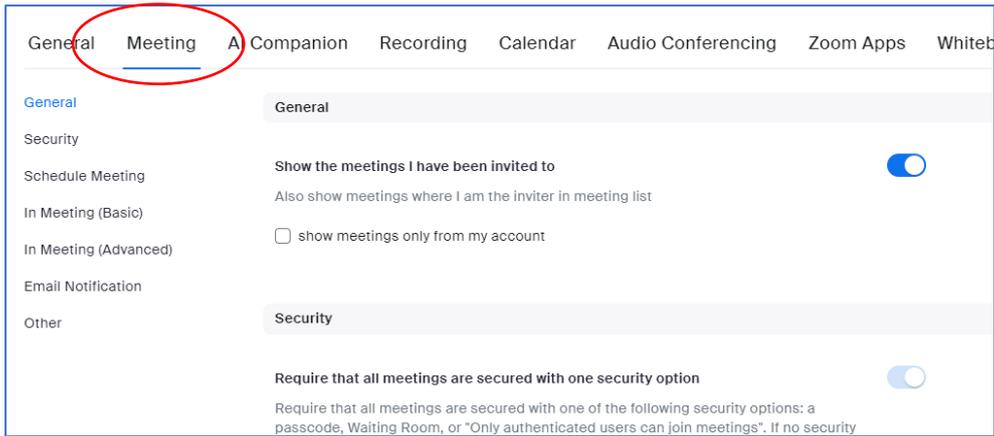
In addition to Zoom's own guidance, the School of Education & Social Work provides the following advice to those planning or setting up remote events using the Zoom platform:

1. Consider having one person responsible for tech *only*
2. It is not recommended you share Zoom links via social media, either directly within a post or via a link to a registration form (e.g. Ticket Tailor, Eventbrite, Microsoft Forms, Google Forms etc.). Meeting attendees should be provided with the Zoom link close to the date of the event when hosts have had the chance to check registrants' details.

Security Settings for Zoom events

In advance of the event, you should:

- Go to the Zoom web settings: <https://universityofsussex.zoom.us/profile/setting>
- Choose the 'Meeting' menu:



Waiting Room

When participants join a meeting, place them in a waiting room and require the host to admit them individually. Enabling the waiting room automatically disables the setting for allowing participants to join before host.

Waiting Room Options
The options you select here apply to meetings hosted by users who turned 'Waiting Room' on

- ✓ Everyone will go in the waiting room
- ✓ People in the waiting room are sorted by join order

[Edit Options](#) [Customize Waiting Room](#)

Require a passcode when scheduling new meetings
A passcode will be generated when scheduling a meeting and participants require the passcode to join the meeting. The Personal Meeting ID (PMI) meetings are not included.

Require a passcode for instant meetings
A random passcode will be generated when starting an instant meeting

Require a passcode for Personal Meeting ID (PMI)

Require passcode for participants joining by phone
A numeric passcode will be required for participants joining by phone if your meeting has a passcode. For meeting with an alphanumeric passcode, a numeric version will be generated.

Host video
Start meetings with host video on

Participants video
Start meetings with participant video on. Participants can change this during the meeting.

Allow participants to join before host
Allow participants to join before the host arrives. If participants are not allowed to join before the host, or the host has another meeting running, participants will see a dialog that notifies them that the meeting has not started. This dialog can be customized through the [Customize Waiting Room](#) setting.

Choose at least one of the following security settings:

- Passcode (only for when sharing a link via password protected route, e.g. email or canvas - not appropriate for sharing on social media or public facing website)
- Waiting room (admit only those that you know, preferably via registration)
- Require authentication to join (when all attendees have University of Sussex accounts)

- Keep host and participant video off.

- Do not allow participants to join the session before the host.

Use Personal Meeting ID (PMI) when scheduling a meeting

You can visit [Personal Meeting Room](#) to change your Personal Meeting settings.

Use Personal Meeting ID (PMI) when starting an instant meeting

Meeting chat

Allow meeting participants to send chat messages

New meeting chat experience

Allow meeting participants to use new meeting chat features, including threaded replies, text formatting, quoting, and in-line image preview. Additional features can be configured below:

Meeting chat - Direct messages

Allow meeting participants to send direct messages to other participants

Send files via meeting chat

Hosts and participants can send files through the in-meeting chat.

Screen sharing

Allow host and participants to share their screen or content during meetings and webinars

How many participants can share at the same time? [?](#)

One participant can share at a time

Multiple participants can share simultaneously (dual monitors recommended)

All screens mode [?](#)

Who can share?

Host Only

All Participants [?](#)

Who can start sharing when someone else is sharing?

Host Only

All Participants [?](#)

Annotation

Allow host and participants to use annotation tools to add information to shared screens

Whiteboard (Classic)

Allow host and participants to share whiteboard during a meeting

Remote control

During screen sharing, the person who is sharing can allow others to control the shared content

- Generate a meeting ID for each new meeting. Do not use your Personal Meeting ID.

- Disable meeting chat. You can reinstate this within/during the event if you wish.

- Disable the ability to send files within the chat.

- Set screen-sharing so that only the host (and co-hosts if relevant) can share.

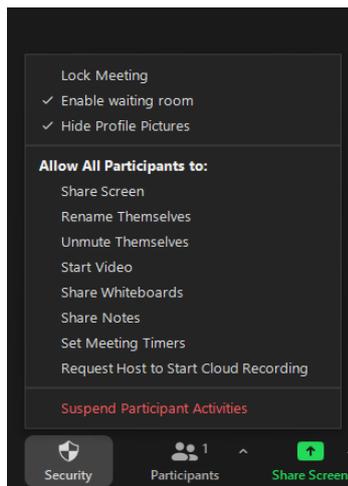
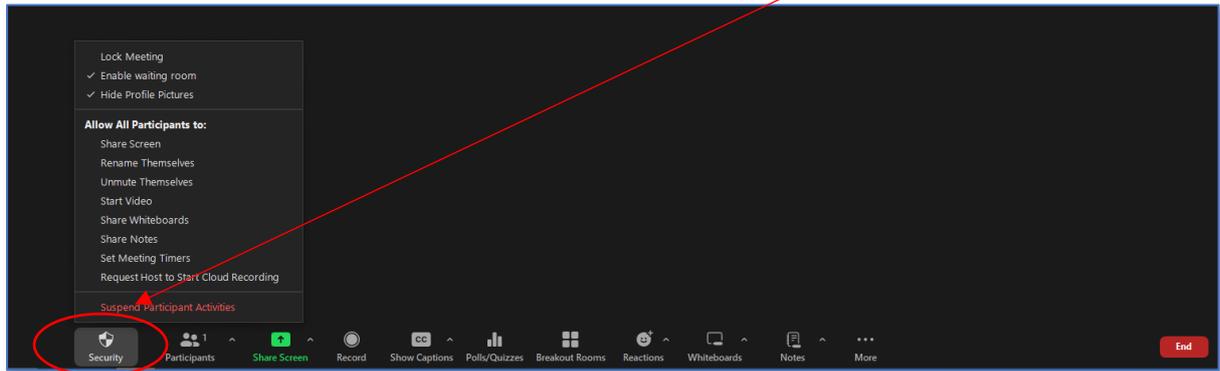
- Keep annotation, whiteboard and remote control switched off. This can be changed during the event if needed/desired.

In-meeting Security

Check the in-meeting security settings by clicking on the green shield icon in the top left corner.



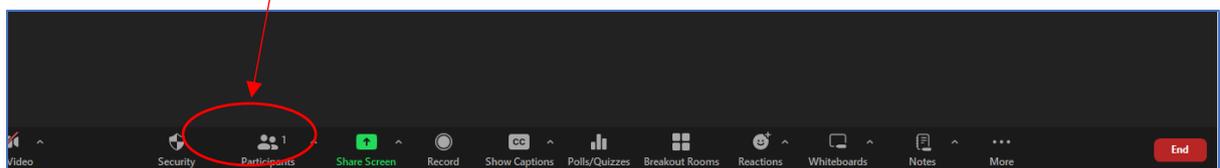
Familiarise yourself with the security settings on the bottom left of your toolbar and toggle on/off as needed.

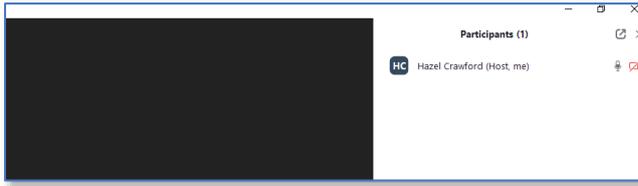


Note specifically the ability to:

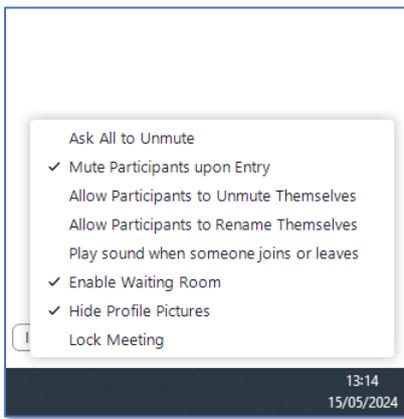
- Lock the meeting (ie. prevent new participants from joining)
- Hide profile pictures
- Enable a waiting room
- Suspend participant activities (ie. turn off *all* participants' video, audio and ability to share screen)

Click on the 'Participants' tab at the bottom of your screen to view all participants in a pane on the right.



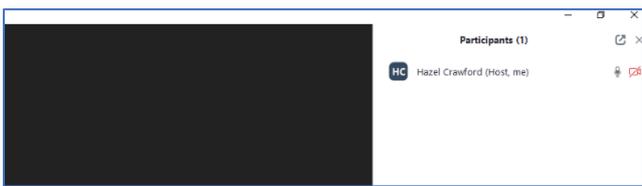


Note at the bottom of the pane the ability to “Mute All”.



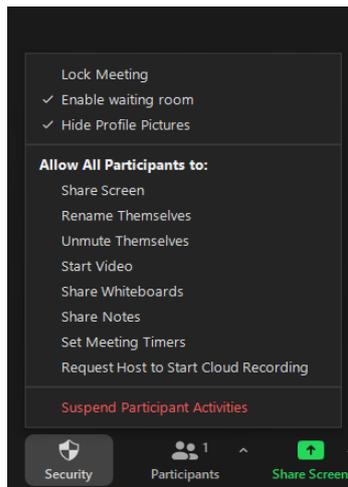
Clicking on the three dots at the bottom right of your screen enables you to control the mute settings, amongst other things.

Dealing with a Security Breach



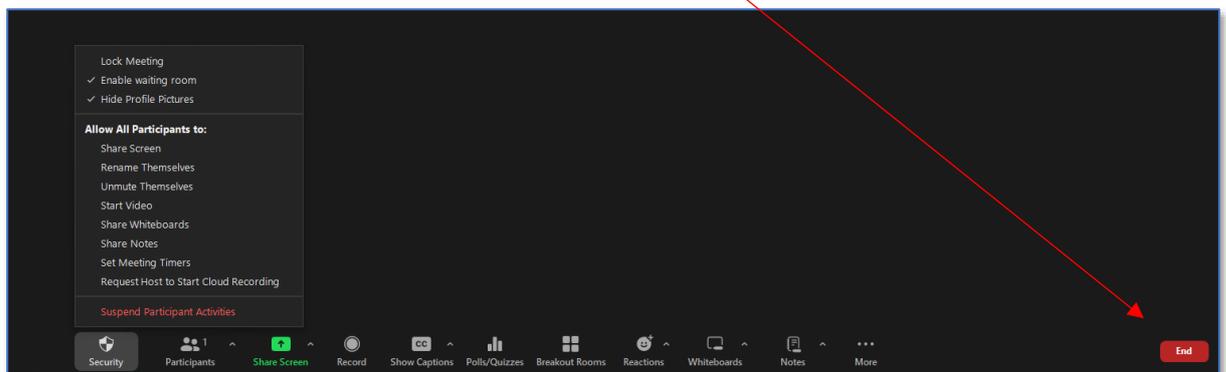
To remove someone from the meeting, hover over their name and select “Remove”. By default, someone who has been removed cannot rejoin.

If you have made a mistake and removed someone by accident or the wrong person, go to the Zoom web portal and locate: Settings > Meeting > In-Meeting (Basic). Toggle on the setting called “Allow removed participants to rejoin”.



Suspend all participant activities.

End meeting.



If it is not possible to end the meeting for all, notify meeting attendees in the Chat to leave the meeting and access the [web-based version of Zoom](#) to end it from there.

Reporting Incidents of “Cyber-Bombing”

Any incidents of cyber-bombing on Zoom should be reported [to ITS](#).

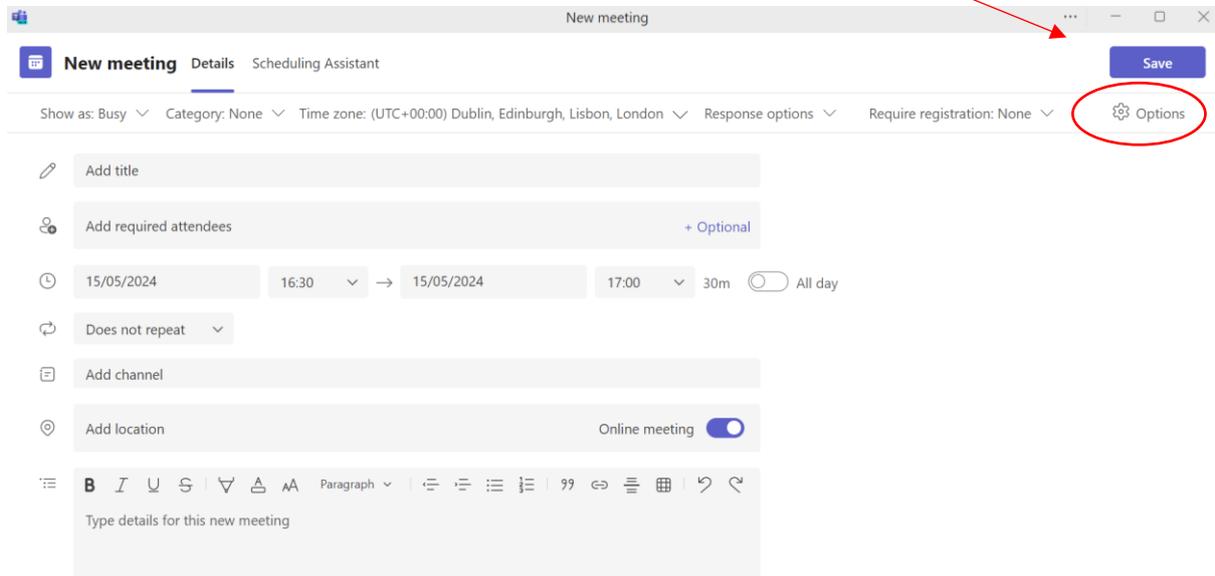
And also [to Zoom](#).

Teams Security

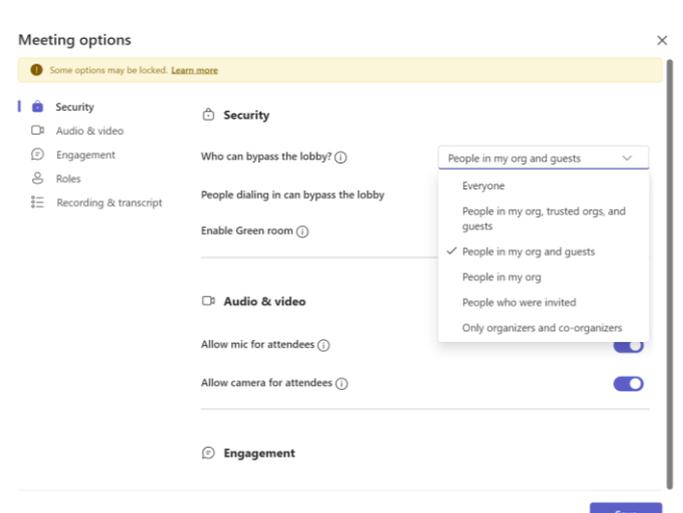
As with Zoom links, It is not recommended you share links to Teams-based meetings/events via social media - either directly within a post or on a registration form (e.g. Ticket Tailor, Eventbrite, Microsoft Forms, Google Forms etc.). Instead, meeting attendees should be provided with the link close to the date of the event when hosts have had the chance to check registrants’ details.

Much of the advice detailed above in relation to Zoom security also applies to Teams.

When setting up a new meeting or event in Teams, click on the 'Options' icon to set security options.

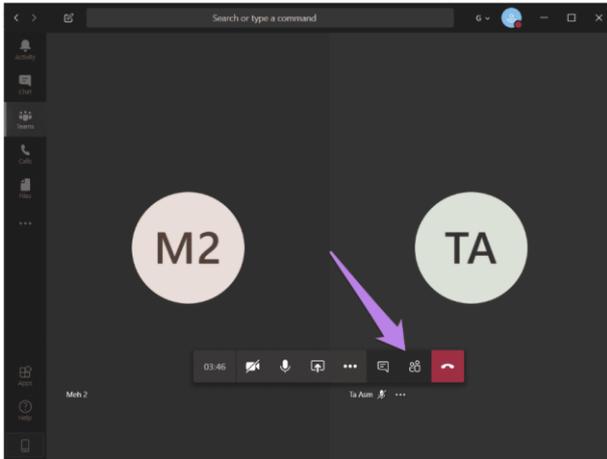


Click 'More Options' to access the full choice of settings.

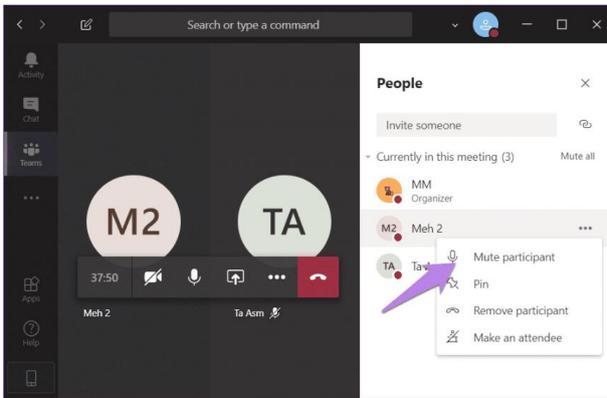


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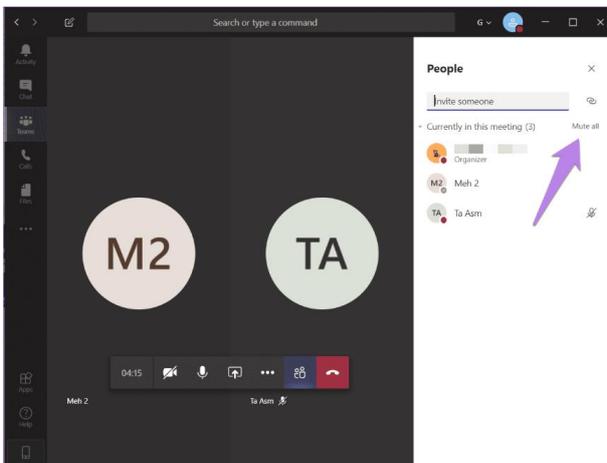
- Creating a waiting room - and any specified individuals who can bypass it if necessary.
- Allowing mic and camera for attendees.
- Meeting Chat: Toggle on or off to enable this function for attendees.
- Setting co-hosts.
- Choosing who can present.
- Recording and transcription.



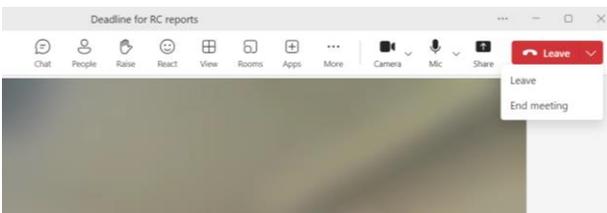
To view the list of participants, click on the Participants icon at the bottom of the screen.



To mute or remove a participant, hover over their name, click on the three-dot icon, and select the relevant option.



How to "Mute All".



To end a Teams meeting, click on the red button in the top right. The downward arrow to the right gives you the option to end the meeting for all.

Any incidents of cyber-bombing on Teams should be reported [to ITS](#).

Further Sources of Advice and Guidance

The [University's cyber security online training module](#) is mandatory for all staff

[Advice on Information Security](#) from the University of Sussex

[Top Ten Security Tips](#) from ITS at Sussex

[How to ... Stay safe using Zoom](#) from ITS at Sussex

[Microsoft Teams support page](#) from ITS at Sussex