



Safeguarding Adults Policy - an easy guide for People with Learning Disabilities



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Who is a vulnerable adult?

- ◆ A person with a learning disability
- ◆ Someone over 18 years of age
- ◆ A person in a wheelchair
- ◆ People who cannot speak for themselves
- ◆ People who need support to live their lives



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What is abuse?

Physical abuse

- ◆ Punching
- ◆ Hitting
- ◆ Scratching
- ◆ Biting
- ◆ Kicking



Neglect

Not giving people the care they need



Sexual abuse

Touching someone when they don't like it in the private parts

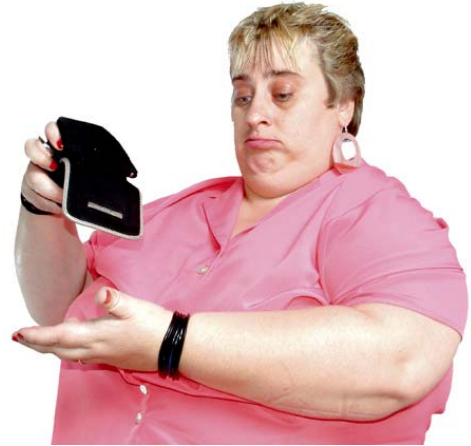


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Financial abuse

Taking money or benefits without your permission



Emotional abuse

When you are made to feel sad inside



Abuse is when someone does something to you that you do not like.

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Some signs of abuse

- ◆ Bruising
- ◆ Cuts
- ◆ Black eyes
- ◆ Scratches
- ◆ Broken bones
- ◆ A person may become quiet and sad
- ◆ A person may cry
- ◆ Hungry
- ◆ No money
- ◆ Unwashed / dirty
- ◆ Illness not being treated



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Who can be an abuser?

- ◆ Parents
- ◆ Carers
- ◆ Key workers
- ◆ Family members
- ◆ Members of the public
- ◆ People who couldn't care less



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Who would you speak to if you think you are being abused?

- ◆ Parents
- ◆ Keyworker
- ◆ Carer
- ◆ Someone you can trust (for example a friend or a police officer)



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What will happen next?

(1) You will be contacted (probably by a social worker) to give you some support. We will do our best to make sure that no action will be taken without your permission to do so.



(2) People will need to talk to each other to find out what might have happened. This will always involve the police and might mean that a meeting is arranged.



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(3) You may need to see a doctor to check that you have not been hurt. You can have someone with you while you see the doctor.



(4) You may need to tell the police about what has happened to you. This may be videoed.



You can have someone with you while you talk to the police.

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- (5) A meeting will be arranged to decide what will happen next and how to help keep you safe. This is called a Case Conference and you should be involved as much as possible and make your wishes known.



It may be decided that the police will help to make you safe



It may be decided that a social worker will help to make you safe

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- (6) You may need to go to other meetings to make sure that everything is going well and you are still happy with the plans that have been made.



You may need extra support during this time to make sure that you can say what you want to say. An Advocate can help you with this.

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You can telephone the Learning Disability Team or Care Connect to talk if you want to:



Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities
(Adults)

Partnership House

Building 400

Worle Parkway

Weston-super-Mare

BS22 6WA



Telephone: **01934 427600**

We are a team of health and social care staff who support adults with a learning disability and their carers

Or you can telephone **Care Connect on 01275 888 801** if you would rather speak to someone who does not work for the Learning Disability Team.

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If you are either pleased or unhappy with the way we have dealt with you, then you can contact the person in Social Services who deals with compliments and complaints.

Complaints Manager
14 Fenswood Road
Long Ashton
North Somerset
BS41 9BS



Telephone: 01275 882190



Email: christopher.orlik@n-somerset.gov.uk



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