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Keeping Adults Safe from Abuse and Neglect



Easy Read Guide



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Keeping people safe is called Safeguarding. Safeguarding means people are protected from abuse and neglect.

So that they are able to be as independent as possible and make choices about how they want to live.



ABUSE is when someone does or says things to make you upset or frightened.

Abuse can happen in different ways.

Sometimes you may not realise you are being abused. Other people may recognise it.



NEGLECT is when your care and support needs are not being met.

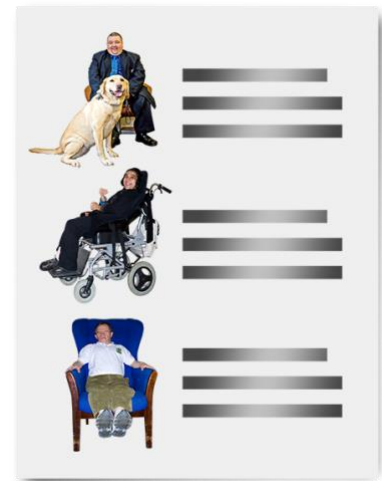


The law says that the Council and the people they work with must safeguard adults at risk of abuse or neglect.



Adults who may be at risk of abuse or Neglect

- older people
- people with a visual or hearing impairment
- people with a physical disability
- people with a learning disability
- people with a mental health problem
- people with a long term illness or condition.



Who might abuse you?

You can be abused by lots of different people and it can happen anywhere.

People who could abuse you may be:

- someone in your family
- neighbours
- strangers
- friends
- volunteers
- carers
- staff
- professionals



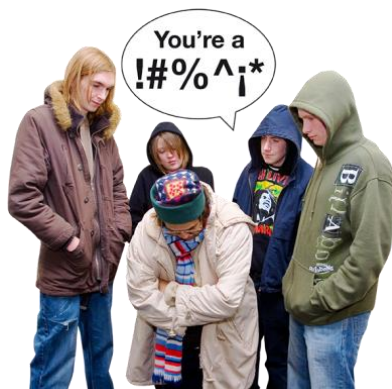
The types of abuse are:

Sexual Abuse could be someone touching your body or private parts without your permission. Or, someone making you touch them in a way you do not want.



Physical Abuse could be someone hitting, slapping, pushing or kicking you.

Financial or material abuse could be someone taking your money or other things that belong to you.



Psychological abuse could be someone being unkind to you, threatening you, swearing at you, calling you names or someone ignoring you.



Domestic Abuse

could be physical abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse, or physical abuse. Domestic Abuse is when the abuse is by your partner or member of your family.



Modern Slavery

could be being forced to work by people who abuse you or are cruel to you.

Discriminatory Abuse

could be someone bullying you or hurting you because of

- **your religion**
- **a disability**
- **your age**
- **your sexual partner**
- **the colour of your skin or hair**
- **where you come from**
- **the language you speak**



Organisation Abuse

could be that your care staff or other organisations like the hospital or police treat you badly, neglect you or provide a bad service.



Neglect

could be that you are not being given enough food, not being given your medication or not being kept warm.



Self-neglect

is when someone does not take care of themselves properly.

Where can abuse happen?

Abuse can happen

- at home
- in a hospital
- at a day centre
- at work
- in the community
- at a social club



How can you report abuse?

If you think you or another adult may be

- Experiencing or are at risk of abuse or neglect; and
- Are unable to look after yourself (themselves), due to the level of care and support needs



Contact Adult Social Care on: **01926 412080**. Our adult social care teams can offer advice and support to you and, where necessary, arrange appropriate services.

To report a crime or raise a concern about abuse with Warwickshire Police, you can phone non-emergency number on: **101**. But if it is an emergency always dial: **999**



What happens when you contact Adult Social Care?

- They will want to find out more information to decide how to deal with the concern.
- They will talk to you about what has happened and offer you support
- They will talk to other people to find out what has happened.
- They will take action to make sure you are safe.
- If you are the adult who has been abused, Adult Social Care will want to know your views. If you want someone else to speak for you or go to the meetings for you, that also is okay.



For any further information please contact:

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Ansell Way
Warwick**

Email: WSAB@warwickshire.gov.uk

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OR

Visit the Warwickshire Safeguarding website at

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