

What is Safeguarding?

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Safeguarding is about ensuring that people, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults, can live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

The Care Act statutory guidance defines adult safeguarding as:

'Protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted including, where appropriate, having regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action. This must recognise that adults sometimes have complex interpersonal relationships and may be ambivalent, unclear or unrealistic about their personal circumstances'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance/care-and-support-statutory-guidance>

In line with mandatory and statutory requirements, The Skills Network is committed to ensuring that it:

- Identifies young people and adults at risk of harm who are suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm
- Takes appropriate action to ensure that such young people and adults at risk of harm are kept safe

Categories of Abuse

There are four main types of abuse:

- Neglect
- Physical abuse
- Psychological abuse
- Sexual abuse

**Safeguarding
is everybody's
responsibility**

For further information regarding the above, and other forms of abuse, please see the 'Categories of Abuse' guidance document.

All staff and learners at The Skills Network are actively encouraged to familiarise themselves with our Safeguarding and Prevent Policy and our safeguarding referral process, both of which are available at <https://theskillsnetwork.com/policies/safeguarding>.

If you have any questions or safeguarding concerns, please contact our Safeguarding Team by calling **01757 600706** or by emailing safeguarding@theskillsnetwork.com.

If you are concerned that someone is at risk of immediate harm, or that a crime has been committed, please call 999.