

Take a different path...
free from harm, free from abuse
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Safeguarding Adults...is everybody's business

People find it hard to understand why anyone would want to abuse an older person, someone with a physical disability or learning disability, or someone who is unwell. But someone suffering some mental and/or physical frailty is the perfect victim: they can't defend themselves, they can't get away, and even if they are able to communicate they may not be believed.

Abuse does not have to be deliberate, malicious or planned either. It sometimes happens that people are trying to do their best but don't really know what is the right thing to do or find themselves at the end of their tether in difficult circumstances.

Safeguarding people who are at risk from harm as a result of abuse, neglect, exploitation or mistreatment and improving the choice and control people have in their lives are key priorities for the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board, including Oxfordshire Social & Community Services and its partners.

As a care professional you have a duty to help prevent abuse and report it where you think it is happening.

For more information see: www.safefromharm.org.uk

If you have a concern about a vulnerable adult then you can raise a safeguarding alert by contacting the Access Team Tel: 0845 050 7666

Out of hours emergency duty team can be contacted on: 0800 833 408

We all want to be treated as individuals and to live free from harm, abuse, neglect or mistreatment.

What can you do to safeguard vulnerable people?