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# Safeguarding and protection in dementia care

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Safeguarding is about protecting children and adults from abuse or neglect and educating those around them to recognise the signs and dangers.

## The five types of abuse

The [Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014](#) outlines five types of abuse:

- physical
- sexual
- psychological
- financial
- neglect

## The definition of an adult at risk

The Act describes an adult at risk as someone who:

- is experiencing or is at risk of abuse or neglect
- has care and support needs (whether or not their local authority is meeting any of those needs), and
- as a result of those needs is unable to protect them self against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

You have a duty to report adults at risk to the local authority where the person lives.

Ensure that you have the appropriate level of safeguarding training for your role.

## Useful resources

Find out more about safeguarding and protection in dementia care.

[Safeguarding training](#)

[Case studies and training about safeguarding](#)

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