

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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