Adult Abuse:

Safeguarding Adults

Easy Read Leaflet
You may need help from a parent/carer, support worker, friend or advocate to read this leaflet
This leaflet is issued by Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership, as part of their joint procedures (how we work) for Safeguarding Adults.

These Procedures have been written because of concerns that vulnerable people in society may be abused or taken advantage of by those in a position of power over them.
Abuse can take many forms, such as:

- Hitting, slapping or pushing
- Shouting or swearing, which makes the person afraid
- Unwanted touching, kissing or sexual intercourse

What do we mean by Abuse?
• Money or property taken without consent or under pressure

• Not being cared for properly or denied privacy, choice or social contact
Many adults rely on other people, because of their disability, illness or frailty, to help them in day to day living.

They may be at risk from people they know, such as a relative, friend or neighbour a paid carer, or sometimes by a stranger.

Abuse may happen in their own home, in residential homes, day centres, hospitals or anywhere.
If you know of a worrying situation, please do not ignore it.

You can telephone any of the agencies listed on the back of this booklet. You do not have to give your name, but we may need to act on the information you give us and contact other relevant services.

In response to your telephone call, trained staff will carry out a careful and sensitive enquiry.
What happens then will depend on the wishes of the person and the seriousness of the situation.

If they are in physical danger, ensuring their safety will be of utmost importance.

Information and advice will be offered so that the person can make an informed choice about any practical help they need or action they wish to take.

If they are unable to make an informed choice, care will be taken to support and protect them.
Every adult has the right to:

- A life free of fear
- Be treated with dignity
- Have their choices respected and not to be forced to do anything against their will.
Reporting Suspected Abuse: Useful addresses and contact numbers

The Safeguarding Adults Team:
Tel: (0161) 342 5243/5217/5229
Email: protectadult@tameside.gov.uk

Adult Social Care
Tel: (0161) 342 2400