

INTRODUCTION TO SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN (LEVEL 1)

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

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Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility, regardless of your job role and no matter how frequently you work with children or their families. This Introduction to Safeguarding Children course aims to help you understand more about your responsibilities so that you feel confident to recognise the potential signs of abuse and report any concerns that you may have.

The course looks at all the essential aspects of child protection and, through a mixture of written information and interactive exercises, will help you to protect the children you work with from harm.

Module One: Introduction

This module outlines why safeguarding training is imperative for all staff members, looking at key facts, figures and real-life cases. The module looks at how safeguarding children is relevant to your job role and outlines your main responsibilities.

- What is safeguarding?
- Why is safeguarding children important?
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- Your responsibilities
- How is safeguarding relevant to my role?

Module Two: Recognising the Signs of Abuse

This module introduces the four main categories of child abuse and details some of the warning signs associated with each that may suggest abuse is taking place. The module uses a variety of interactive exercises and written text to help you learn how to recognise the potential indicators.

- Statistics
- How is child abuse defined?
- Categories of child abuse
- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect
- Vulnerable children
- Recognising the signs
- Indicators of abuse

Module Three: Responding to a Disclosure

This module outlines how you should, and shouldn't, react if a child comes to tell you information about the abuse they are suffering. The module explains how to respond to a child sensitively and provides reasons for why a child may not say anything at all, plus information on what you should do next.

- How a concern may come to your attention
- Disclosures from a child and how to respond
- How not to respond
- Why children don't disclose information
- Why adults don't take action
- Next steps

Module Four: Reporting Your Concerns

This module highlights the importance of telling someone about any concerns that you have about a child. The module explains when and how to report your concerns, who to tell and what kind of information you need to share, plus details

of what will happen once you have spoken out.

- Your responsibilities
- How to report an incident
- Who to report to
- What if a report isn't taken seriously?
- What if the concerns are about a professional?
- When to report a concern
- What needs reporting?
- Talking to the child's parents
- What happens next?

Module Five: Recording Information

This module looks at the importance of writing down your concerns, outlining which information needs recording and the best method in which to do so. The module uses interactive exercises to help you learn more about how to keep effective records.

- When to record your concerns
- What to record
- Record keeping tips

Aims of the Training

At the end of this course, you will:

- Understand what is meant by 'safeguarding' and why learning about safeguarding children is so important.
- Understand your responsibilities both within and outside of the workplace.
- Know more about how to identify the indicators and warning signs of abuse.
- Know how to respond to any concerns that you have about a child.
- Be aware of how to act should a child disclose information about abuse to you.
- Understand the importance of reporting your concerns to another professional plus have knowledge of what happens at a higher level when a report is made.
- Be aware of the need to accurately record your concerns in writing.