

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

Introduction to Safeguarding Children (Level 1)

Everyone who works with children and/or their families is responsible for safeguarding. Regardless of your role, it is vital that you understand the best ways to keep children safe. With the help of written information, case studies and interactive exercises, this course will help you to become confident in fulfilling your safeguarding responsibilities.

This Introduction to Safeguarding Children course will equip you with the skills and knowledge you need to safeguard children in your care. It explains the types of maltreatment that children might experience and how to recognise the signs that it may be happening. It also outlines the best way to react should you suspect maltreatment is taking place, how to respond to a disclosure and how to accurately record your concerns.

Module One: Safeguarding and Child Protection

This module covers the basics of safeguarding children. It defines the terms 'safeguarding' and 'child protection', explains why these things are important and outlines your roles and responsibilities in accordance with laws and legislation.

- Defining safeguarding and child protection
- The importance of safeguarding/child protection training
- Responsibilities
- Professional Curiosity
- Key legislation and guidance
- Safeguarding framework - the levels of need

Module Two: Recognising the Categories of Abuse

This module covers the different categories of child abuse. It explains what each one entails and how to spot the signs which may indicate that it is occurring.

- General indicators of maltreatment
- Neglect
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse

Module Three: Recognising Different Types of Maltreatment

This module examines types of maltreatment in more detail, and explains the specific signs to look out for which may indicate that a child is experiencing some form of maltreatment.

- Domestic abuse
- Online abuse
- Child on child abuse
- Specific types of maltreatment

Module Four: Risks and Vulnerabilities

This module focuses on the various factors and circumstances which may put a child at greater risk of maltreatment. It will also help to build a picture of which children in your care may need to be more closely monitored.

- Additional vulnerabilities
- Parental risk factors
- Adverse childhood experiences

Module Five: Responding to Disclosures and Concerns

This module outlines what you should do if a child discloses abuse to you, what to do if you suspect maltreatment is taking place and the action to take should somebody else raise concerns about a child.

- Why children might not disclose information
- How you might be alerted to a concern
- Responding to a disclosure
- Taking action
- Concerns regarding adults in your organisation

Module Six: Recording and Sharing Information

This module explains the reporting procedures that you should follow if you are alerted to a safeguarding concern. It covers who to discuss your concern with, how to record information and how to respond if you are dissatisfied with how a concern is handled.

- Sharing concerns
- Sharing a concern with your DSL
- What to record
- Sharing information
- Responses from children's social care
- Disagreeing with decisions
- Record keeping

Module Seven: Safeguarding in Education

This final module includes an option to choose your path, depending on whether you work in an educational setting or not. For those working in education, the module looks more closely at how to safeguard children specifically in an educational setting. Those who do not work in education will be directed to the final slides of the course with helpful links, downloads and information regarding the assessment.

- Education-specific legislation and guidance
- Policies and procedures
- Children with additional vulnerabilities
- Roles and responsibilities
- Recognising types of maltreatment

Aims of the training

At the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- Recognise the difference between safeguarding and child protection and why they are important.
- Identify key legislation and the statutory framework which underpins safeguarding practice.
- Recognise and describe the different types of child maltreatment.
- Identify things that make some children particularly vulnerable.
- Recognise safeguarding concerns and possible signs of child maltreatment, and identify how to respond appropriately.