

# Safeguarding

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## Safeguarding at Ascent College



**Safeguarding** means keeping people safe.



Safeguarding is **protecting** people from **abuse** and **neglect**.

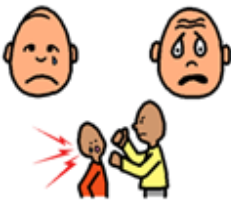


Safeguarding is making sure that people are supported to have **full** and **happy lives**.

## Abuse



There are different types of **abuse**.



Abuse is when someone **hurts** you or does something that **upsets** or **frightens** you.



Abuse is always **wrong!**

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- Biting
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**Emotional abuse** is when someone **talks** to you in **unkind** ways.



For example:

- bullying or teasing you
- swearing at you
- ignoring you
- threatening you
- saying bad things to you.



**Financial abuse** is when someone **takes your money** or things that belong to you.



For example:

- stealing your money
- deciding how to spend your money without asking you
- making you pay for things when you do not want to.

## Types of abuse continued



**Sexual abuse** is someone **touching your body** or private parts **without** your **permission**.



Sexual abuse is someone making you **touch them** in a way you **do not want**.



For example:

- Someone kissing you without asking
- Someone touching your bottom, breasts or genitals without asking
- Someone making you watch or look at sexual pictures or films
- Someone having sex with you when you do not want them to
- Someone who does not stop touching you or having sex with you when you say 'no' or 'stop'.



## Types of abuse continued



**Discrimination** is when someone **treats you badly** because of:



- Your **race** and **skin colour**



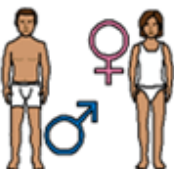
- Your **religion** and **beliefs**



- Your **disability**



- Your **sexual orientation**



- Your **gender**.



- Your **age**.

## Where can abuse happen?



Abuse can happen in lots of **different places** including:



• **At College**



• **Online**



• **At home**



• **In hospital**



• **On transport**



• **In the community**



• **At a club**



• **At someone else's home.**

## People who abuse



A person can be abused by **someone they know** or someone they **do not know**.

For example:



- **Family members**



- **Friends**



- **A partner**



- **Carers**



- **Staff**



- **Professionals**



- **Strangers.**

## What to do about abuse?



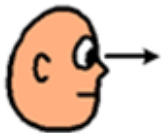
If someone is being abused, they need **help**.



If someone is being abused, somebody should make sure they are **safe**.



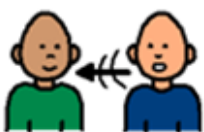
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You must **tell someone** if you see something that does not feel ok to you.



You must **tell someone** if you are told something that does not feel ok to you.



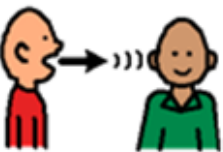
At Ascent College, you can **talk** to a trusted staff member.

## People who can help

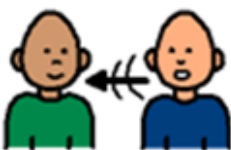


Someone you trust to tell could be a:

- **Family member**
- **College staff**
- **Carer**
- **Social Worker**
- **Friend**
- **Police Officer**
- **Doctor or Nurse**
- **Safeguarding Team**



At Ascent College talk, to a **trusted staff member**. They will let the Safeguarding Team know you are worried.



You can also speak directly to a member of the **Safeguarding Team**.

## The Safeguarding Team at Ascent college



These staff are in the Safeguarding Team:



**Juliet Doherty (DSL)**  
Head of Adult Services



**Phil Adams (DDSL)**  
Teacher

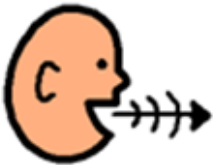


**Natalie Molyneux (DDSL)**  
Student Admissions & Safeguarding Officer

## What will we do when you tell us about abuse?



**When** you tell somebody about abuse, we will:



- **Speak** to you



- Try to **help** the person being abused



- Keep the person being abused **safe**



- Some abuse, like hitting someone, is a crime so we may need to **tell the police.**

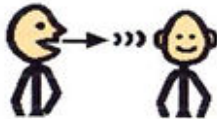
# Do you need to talk?

I am worried

I need to talk to someone



I want to talk to you



**You can talk to any  
Teacher or TSA**

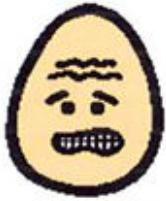
## You can also contact the following:

- **The Mix** Whenever you need support, 'The Mix' can help. They've got expert advice and a free and confidential service to support you. And they can support you when you're going from Childline to The Mix. Tel: **0808 808 4994** website: [www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk)
- **Samaritans** You can talk to the Samaritans about anything, and they can help if you're having a tough time. Call them for free on **116 123** or send them an email. Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- **NSPCC Helpline** If you're worried about a child or someone who's under 18, you can talk anonymously to the NSPCC Helpline to get support. Call for free on **0808 800 5000** or send a message online: [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk)
- **Shelter** Get advice and support on housing or if you're worried about homelessness and you're living in England or Scotland. If you're living in other parts of the UK, we've got information on where to get support. Website: [England.shelter.org.uk/get\\_help](http://England.shelter.org.uk/get_help)
- **NHS** Get information on any medical or health concerns you might have, or get information on how to contact your GP. Website: [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)
- **Citizens Advice** Get free advice on anything that might be happening in your life. Website: [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)



# Do you want to talk?

worried



Are you fed up, sad or worried about something?

sad

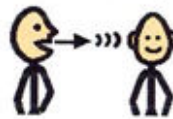


upset

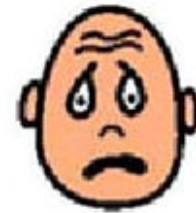


Do you want someone to listen to you?  
Help you to sort your problems?

I want to talk to you



afraid



## Who can you talk to?

mother



father



Talk to your mum and dad  
or a friend you feel safe

friend



teacher

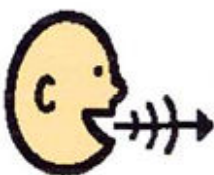


Talk to your Class Teacher.

Talk to a Teaching Support Assistant

Talk to Juliet, Phil or Natalie

talk



You can ring Childline—0800 11 11