

Adult Learning

Online Abuse

Safeguarding at Adult Learning

What is online abuse?

Online abuse is a type of abuse that happens on the web, whether through social networks, playing online games or using mobile smart phones.

Young people may experience cyber-bullying, grooming, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or emotional abuse.

Young people can be at risk from people they know, as well as from strangers.

Online abuse may be part of abuse that is taking place in the real world (for example bullying or grooming). Alternatively, it may be that the abuse only happens online (for example persuading young person to take part in sexual activity online).

Young people can feel like there is no escape from online abuse – abusers can contact them at any time of the day or night, the abuse can come into safe places like their bedrooms and images/videos can be stored and shared with other people.

How to get help

Speak to any member of staff or email your concerns to the Safeguarding Team at:

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Other Support

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/online-abuse/>

Family Lives

www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying

National Bullying Helpline

www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk Tel: 0845 22 55 787 / 07734 701221

Childline

www.childline.org.uk Tel: 0800 1111