

## Your rights and responsibilities

# Safer Learning

You have the right to feel safe where you learn. Other people should not hurt or abuse you in any way. Other people should not threaten to hurt or abuse you

Your responsibilities are:

- to respect other people's rights to safety;
- not to hurt or abuse others; and
- not to threaten to hurt or abuse others.

There are staff who are there to support you and help make your place of learning safe.



**This guide uses the words abuse, responsibility and threaten.**

**'Abuse'** is when someone does something to you that makes you feel bad or hurts you.

**'Responsibility'** means something you need to do.

**'Threaten'** means when something makes you feel like they are going to hurt or abuse you.

**What should you do if you think you are being hurt or abused?**

If you think you have been hurt or abused by another student or learner, member of staff or visitor, you should report this as soon as possible.

**Tell someone you trust about what is happening?**

Find out from your tutor, student support services or other trusted staff member who is responsible for protecting learners. Sometimes there are called Child or Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Officers. Put their details here:

**Contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads below:**



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## Physical abuse

People should not touch you in a way that hurts.

People should not hit, kick, pinch, burn or push you, or bind or tie you up.

## Sexual abuse

People should not:

- touch you if you don't want them to;
- make you touch them if you don't want to;
- say sexual things to you if you don't want them to;
- make you touch the sexual part of their bodies if you don't want them to;
- make you take part in a sexual act with them if you don't want them to.

## Psychological or emotional abuse

People should not upset you by bullying or teasing you.

## Financial, money or material abuse

People should not steal from you.

People should not bully you into handing over your money or things you own.

## Neglect

If you have personal care support, people who are there to help you should not neglect you or ignore you.

People should not take away your right to basic living needs such as shelter, food and water, clothing and medicine.

People should not take away your right to make your own choices.

## Discrimination

People should not treat you badly because of your:

- age;
- gender reassignment;
- being married or in a civil partnership;
- being pregnant or on maternity leave;
- disability;
- race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin;
- religion or belief;
- sex;
- sexual orientation

