



Key Legislation: **Care Act 2014** | **Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006**

## KEY STATISTICS



**2.1 million**

Safeguarding concerns raised about adults in England 2022/23



**1 in 6**

Older adults experience some form of abuse each year



**£3.2 billion**

Annual cost of adult abuse to UK health and social care



**80%**

Of abuse perpetrated by someone known to the victim

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Understand the legal framework for adult safeguarding under the Care Act 2014

Recognise the signs and indicators of abuse and neglect in adults

Know how to respond appropriately when abuse is suspected or disclosed

Understand the six safeguarding principles

## STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

**1 Recognise**  
Physical, psychological, financial, sexual, neglect and discriminatory signs

**2 Respond**  
Take person to safety if needed, listen, do not promise confidentiality

**3 Record**  
Document exactly what was said/seen — date, time, person's own words

**4 Report**  
Report to Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately

