



Key Legislation: **Children Act 1989 & 2004 | Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023**

## KEY STATISTICS



**50,000**

Children on child protection plans in England at any one time



**1 in 5**

Children experience abuse before the age of 16



**90%**

Of child abuse perpetrated by someone known to the child



**60%**

Increase in referrals when staff receive safeguarding training

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Understand the legal framework for child protection in the UK
- 2 Recognise the signs and indicators of abuse and neglect
- 3 Know how to respond appropriately when a child discloses abuse
- 4 Understand the role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

## STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

- 1 Recognise**  
 Physical, behavioural and emotional signs of abuse or neglect
- 2 Respond**  
 Listen, reassure, do not promise confidentiality, stay calm
- 3 Record**  
 Write exactly what was said/seen — date, time, child's own words
- 4 Report**  
 Report to the Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately

