

Children, young people and adults at risk can be abused physically, sexually, emotionally or through neglect. The concerns that you have may make up part of a bigger picture which could help to prevent serious harm to a child. Giving families help at an early stage can prevent abuse and neglect.

This leaflet is the first of 3 levels of training for people who work in either a paid or voluntary role with children, young people and adults at risk in Cornwall. If they have not already done so, ask your employer to talk through this leaflet with you and tell you who to contact within your organisation if you have concerns. If you think you need further training, talk to the person who gave you this leaflet or to your manager.

2024 Keeping Children Safe in Education Update

- 2024 guidance has updated the definition of 'safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children' in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023. The new definition includes: Providing help and support to meet the needs of children as soon as problems emerge.
- Further information included throughout for when children and young people may require early help. This is in line with updates made in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023.
- Exploitation is now included alongside Abuse and Neglect under What school and college staff should look out for.
- Staff should have an awareness of students with unexplainable and/or persistent absences from education.
- Emphasised importance of children and young people in kinship care being covered in staff safeguarding training.
- Guidance has updated the impact of domestic abuse on children and young people.

CONTACTS

South West Child Protection Procedures
swcpp.trixonline.co.uk

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Safeguarding Partnership Website
ciossafeguarding.org.uk

Emergency Services
999

Devon and Cornwall Police
101

MARU (Multi Agency Referral Unit)
0300 1231116

**KEEP THIS LEAFLET
IN A SAFE PLACE:
YOU NEVER
KNOW WHEN YOU
MIGHT NEED IT!**

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TRURO & PENWITH COLLEGE

The College staff guide for
**Safeguarding children, young
people and adults at risk**

**KEEPING
CHILDREN,
YOUNG PEOPLE
& ADULTS AT RISK
SAFE**



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No one wants to hear about children, young people or adults at risk being abused, neglected or unsafe and that sometimes makes it difficult to respond so...

REMEMBER THESE THREE IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- 1 All children, young people and adults at risk have a right to be safe no matter who they are or what their circumstances.
- 2 Keeping children, young people and adults at risk safe is everyone's responsibility.
- 3 We all need to listen to children, young people and adults at risk even though we may not always be comfortable with what we hear.

Who should I talk to if I have concerns about a child, young person or adult at risk?

TRURO COLLEGE

(including Tregye Campus)

t: 01872 305712

e: safeguarding@truro-penwith.ac.uk

PENWITH COLLEGE

t: 01736 809419

e: safeguardingpenwith@truro-penwith.ac.uk

OTTERY STEM & HEALTH SKILLS CENTRE, BODMIN

t: 01208 224456

e: safeguardingbodmin@truro-penwith.ac.uk

In an emergency, if these contacts are not available, do not delay but contact one of the numbers at the end of this leaflet.

Never keep concerns about the safety of children, young people & adults at risk to yourself.

REMEMBER

It doesn't matter if you are a paid worker, a volunteer or a member of the community, you have a responsibility to act if you are worried about a child, young person or adult with care and support needs.

Each agency will have someone who has a responsibility for safeguarding issues - they have had training to know what to do next.

It is not your responsibility to investigate safeguarding matters but you should tell the appropriate person within your organisation. It will be this person's job to decide whether to pass your concerns on.