

Easy Read Leaflet

# STOP ADULT ABUSE

everyone's business

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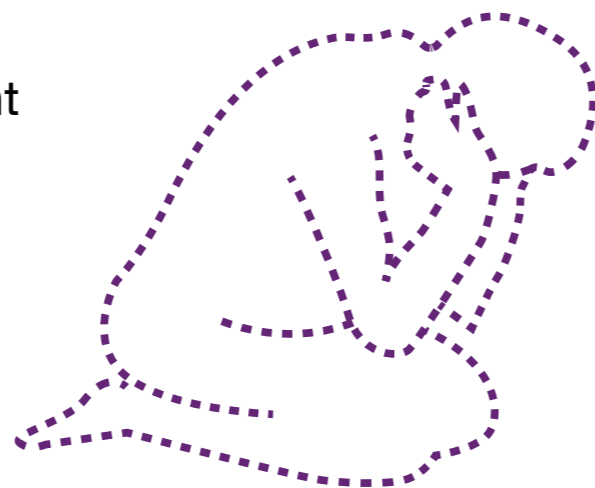
## What is adult abuse?

Abuse is when a person says or does a bad thing to you that makes you very scared or sad.

Sometimes it is so wrong that it is against the law.

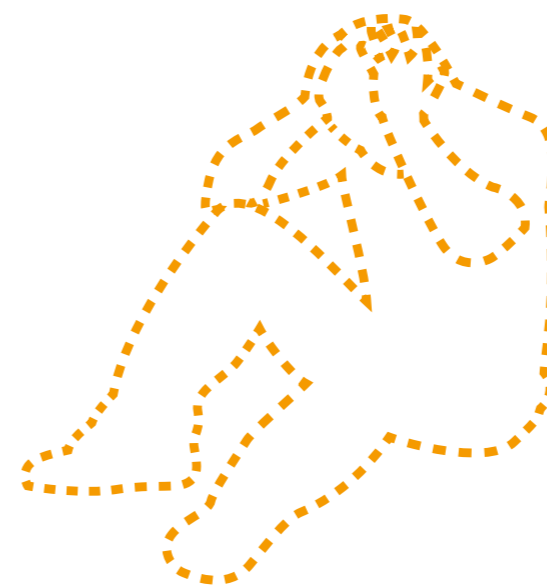
It is not your fault. Nobody has the right to do bad things to you.

Somebody may also do bad things to others which you may see. You might be able to tell that they are hurt, sad or frightened.



## Where does the abuse happen?

Abuse can happen anywhere - like at home, college, online or in a public place.



## Abuse is wrong. Tell someone.

### What do you do if a bad thing is happening to you or someone else?



**Call Cheshire East Adult Social Care**

**0300 123 5010 (8.30am - 5pm)**

**0300 123 5022 (at all other times)**

**If someone is hurt or it is an emergency, please ring 999**



**If you are hearing or speech impaired, you can use [Text Relay](#)**



**If you are scared, [tell someone you trust](#) who can report it for you.**

## Who abuses people?

**It could be anyone** - even someone you are comfortable with like a friend, carer or family member.

It could be a stranger.



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**Abuse is wrong.  
Tell someone.**

## **What happens next?**

**We will believe you.**

**We will listen.**

**We will only tell people about your concern if they can help us stop the abuse.**

**We will support you.**

**What we do next will depend on what you or the other person you are worried about wants, and how serious it is.**