

Financial abuse and how to get help



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**We use pictures to help you understand this leaflet.
Some of these pictures might upset you.**

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Who we are

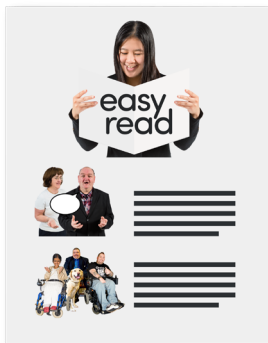


We are **Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board**.

Safeguarding means making sure people are safe.



We work with other organisations to make sure all adults can live safely in Somerset.



This leaflet tells you what **financial abuse** is and what you can do about it.



This leaflet might upset you.

You can ask someone you trust to read it with you.

What is abuse?



Abuse is when someone does or says something that hurts or upsets someone else.

Abuse can happen to anyone.



Abuse is never OK.

No one has the right to abuse people.



Abuse normally happens over weeks, months or years.

But abuse can also happen once.



There are different kinds of abuse.

This leaflet tells you about **financial abuse**.

What is financial abuse?



Financial abuse is when somebody

- Steals things from someone.
- Tricks someone into giving them money.



- Tricks someone into giving them a house, or expensive things.



- Tricks someone into using their things, like their car.



- Moves into someone's home but does not pay any rent.

Who might carry out financial abuse?



Most people are kind and respectful.

But a stranger or someone you know or trust could abuse you.



It could be a

- Partner, child or family
- Friend or neighbour
- Parent
- Care or support worker
- Staff
- Volunteer
- Housemate
- Stranger.



Financial abuse can happen anywhere.

Signs of emotional abuse

Someone who is financially abused might



- Get lots of money out of the bank a lot.



- Not have much money or be able to pay their bills.
- Lose bank letters.

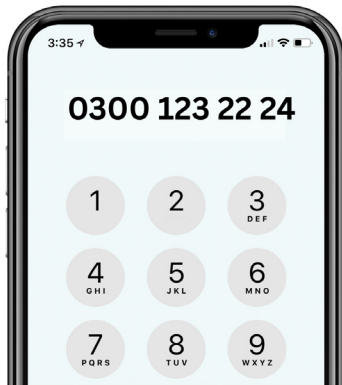


- Have a friend or family controlling money or post.



- Borrow money from people.

Who to contact for help



You can contact Somerset Council about abuse on

- Phone **0300 123 22 24**
Monday to Friday
8.30am to 5.30pm



- Email **adults@somerset.gov.uk**



You can call the Out of Hours team at Somerset Council on **0300 123 23 27**.



You can also contact the police about the abuse.

- Call **101**
- Or call **999** in an emergency.

More information



You can find more information on our website

www.SomersetSafeguardingAdults.org.uk



You can also use your phone to scan this QR code to visit our website.



We have a leaflet with more information on each type of abuse.



**Abuse is never your fault.
We are here to help you.**



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