You can’t always see financial abuse

SUSPECT IT?
REPORT IT

Call Adults Safeguarding

on 0121 303 1234

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Financial abuse is the term used to describe harming someone by taking or defrauding them of their money, goods or property.

**WHO IS AT RISK?**

Adults at risk of harm are people aged 18 or over who are unable to protect themselves from harm or exploitation due to learning or physical disabilities, sensory impairment, frailty or mental health problems.

Financial abuse can happen to people anywhere and at any time, and affects people from all types of backgrounds. It can happen in a person’s home, care home, day centre, hospital or in a public place.

**WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF FINANCIAL ABUSE?**

- Personal items or money going missing
- Unable to pay for normal household shopping or bills
- Living conditions not in keeping with a person’s income
- Benefits or bank books being ‘looked after’, and it isn’t clear why
- Unexplained withdrawals from bank or building society accounts
- Unusual interest from a family member, friend, carer or salesperson
- Changes to the deeds of a house
- Mis-selling from cold callers or door to door traders

**HOW TO REPORT A CONCERN, OR TO GET ADVICE**

If you are concerned that an adult may be at risk of financial abuse, please call Adults safeguarding: 0121 303 1234

Outside of office hours you can call the Emergency Duty Team on: 0121 675 4806, or in an emergency, call 999.