



# THE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS ROADMAP

The road to creating a safer  
environment for adults



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This stage takes you through the journey of developing an action plan. You will start with assessing what you already have in place. This starts by identifying where, when and how you work and who you work with. For example, you could be running a balance class for the elderly on a Monday morning at a community centre; a 7pm mixed gender session at your own facility, or meeting at the park to lead a 1-1 fitness session. You may commission other groups to lead sessions or be the umbrella body supporting grassroot groups.

Once you understand all the different ways you work it is easier to work through the policies and procedures you already have in place. This will help you judge whether they are still fit for purpose, used and understood by your stakeholders. If you are at the early stages and do not have policies and procedures in place, this exercise will help you develop your safeguarding policy and reporting process for safeguarding concerns in Stage 3.

Once you have assessed what you have in place, this will form your safeguarding risk register which will help you identify the areas that are working well, as well as those that need more attention. These can then be prioritised and turned into an action plan.

#### **This is Stage One of Six**

By the end of Stage One, you will have:

- Assessed what you already have in place
- Identified areas for development
- Prioritised and allocated a level of what needs to be done to safeguard the adults in your care

For more information on the Safeguarding Adults Roadmap, and to download Stages One to Six:

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## Stage One: Identifying and Assessing Risk

Indicators	Resource	Action/Comment
<p>Assess your current status and consider what you have already in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at governance and Leadership level</li> <li>• at operational level</li> <li>• in your policy and procedures</li> <li>• in your management systems</li> </ul>		
<p>Create a risk register for safeguarding adults to help you identify areas of risk when working with adults.</p>		
<p>Identify what actions you and your organisation need to be take to help mitigate or reduce the level of risk.</p>		

<p>Prioritise risks and what implementation or actions you need to make.</p>		
<p>Identify any additional policies and procedures that you need to put in place to support your organisation's governance requirements.</p>		
<p>Develop your action plan. Make sure you detail tasks, budgets, time frames, responsibilities.</p>		

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