

Fraud by Abuse of Position

Key messages and guidance



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What is fraud by Abuse of Position

When an individual in a position of trust or authority – this could include a family member or someone acting in a professional capacity, like a nurse – intentionally abuses that role to make a personal gain or cause a financial loss to someone else.



Guidance

Here are some practical steps you can take to protect vulnerable family members or friends against financial abuse by someone in a position of trust.

- **Reviewing financial statements:** review their financial statements with them on a regular basis to identify any unauthorised transactions. If they notice something that's of concern, help them contact their bank as soon as possible.
- **Watch for warning signs:** speak with them about any unpaid bills, missing possessions, sudden changes to a will or account. These could be a sign of financial abuse.
- **Act quickly if something feels wrong:** if you suspect abuse, speak to the person privately if safe to do so. You can also raise a safeguarding concern with the local authority's adult social care team. If a solicitor or deputy may be misusing their role, concerns can also be reported to the Office of the Public Guardian.



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