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Keeping you safe from abuse

Financial Abuse

This booklet has information about financial abuse

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You can find Easy Read documents on keeping safe from abuse on the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board website. www.surreysab.org.uk/leaflets-resources

You can read this booklet alone or with someone to support you.

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What is financial abuse?

Financial abuse is when someone takes your money or your things without you agreeing to it.

Taking your money or things without you agreeing to it is stealing.

Stealing is a crime and should be reported to the Police.

Anyone can be a victim of financial abuse. Even people who are really good with looking after their money.

Examples of financial abuse

Taking or borrowing your money or things but not giving them back.

Someone taking control of your money without you agreeing to it.

Someone taking your benefits.

Someone changing your **will** without permission.

A **will** is where you say what will happen to your money and things when you die.

Someone makes you pay for things which are for them and not you.

Signs of financial abuse

Money or vouchers going missing from your wallet or purse.

Money going missing from your bank account.

Things going missing from your home or your bag.

Someone forcing you to change your **will**.

Someone forcing you to make them your **benefits appointee**.

A **benefits appointee** is a person who helps you manage your benefits.

Who to tell

If you aren't sure or are too nervous to call anyone, **tell someone you trust.**

In an emergency
Dial 999 for the police.
If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have you call transferred to the police.

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Contact Surrey County Council

You can ask for this information in an alternative format or language.

Telephone: 0300 200 1005

Email:
asc.infoandadvice@surreycc.gov.uk

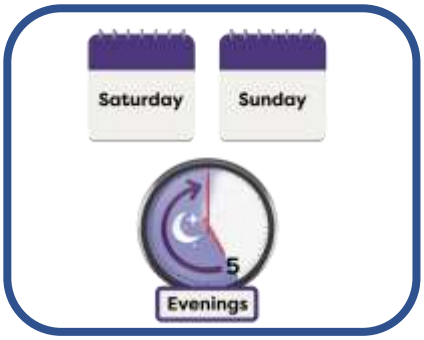
Contact us

Textphone (via Relay UK): 18001 0300 200 1005

Text (SMS): 07527 182 861 (for deaf or hard of hearing community)

British Sign Language:
www.surreycc.gov.uk/bsl

Reporting abuse online:
www.surreycc.gov.uk/adultatrisk



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