

You can't always see financial abuse

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Call Hants Direct
on

0300 555 1386



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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**.

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WHO IS AT RISK?

Adults at risk of harm are people aged 18 or over who, for one reason or another, are unable to protect themselves from harm or exploitation. This can sometimes happen when people rely on others to help meet support or care needs, or if people don't have the right support in place.

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 Hants Direct in confidence on:**

0300 555 1386

Outside of office hours you can call the **Out of Hours Service on: 0300 555 1373**, or in an emergency, call 999.