

# Safeguarding Disabled Children\*

**Course Description:** Research informs us that disabled children can be especially vulnerable to abuse because of their isolation and potential communication difficulties. This course will highlight the issues involved in improving practice in safeguarding and protecting disabled children. This introductory course will provide an overview of what disability and impairment is, how this impacts on the child and family and offer tools and insight into how to communicate and work with those families in order to safeguard and protect the child.

**Target Group:** In addition to level 1 training this course is aimed at all staff working in settings who may be in contact with children, young people and/or parents/carers who may become aware of possible abuse or neglect. Those undertaking this course will need to have completed Child Protection Level One Training.

**Training Level:** Level 2/3 (suitable for update training)

**Pre-Requisite Learning:** We recommend delegates complete child protection training at Level 1 or 2 before attending this course

## **Aims/Objectives:**

- Explain how and why disabled children are vulnerable to abuse
- Describe how attitudes to disability might affect recognition and response to abuse
- Understand the practical and emotional impact of disability on all family members
- Identify the barriers to communicating with disabled children and use effective techniques for overcoming them

**Course Type:** Classroom

**Length of Course:** 1 day

**Valid for:** Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and any deputies within schools and early years settings, need their training to be updated every 2 years in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education Guidance 2016. For all other staff, the LSCB recommends that child protection training is refreshed every three years

**Cost:** £100 to organisations that do not contribute to the Swindon LSCB budget  
£25 for Early Years staff  
Free of charge to all partner agencies

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