


# WHAT IS ABUSE?

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When we think of abuse we tend to think in terms of child sexual abuse – and this is, of course, a significant area.

**However, abuse comes in many forms and can be broadly divided into the following categories:**

- Sexual abuse
- Physical abuse
- Domestic abuse
- Psychological or emotional abuse
- Coercive control
- Spiritual abuse
- Financial or material abuse
- Neglect (of child/other)
- Self neglect
- Modern slavery
- Discriminatory abuse
- Organisational abuse



**Any member of our congregation may be vulnerable to one or more of these so it is important we are mindful of them. One-page handouts with more details are available via your Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)**

**Your Parish Safeguarding Officer is:**