

Physical Abuse of an 'Adult at Risk'

SAFEGUARDING REFERRAL IS NOT REQUIRED

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<p>Single or one off incident of very minor physical assault which has not led to injury or distress and has NOT been committed by a staff member.</p> <p><i>Example: One off incident of one adult at risk slapping another on the arm. No injury or distress is caused.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>Work with the adult at risk to keep safe. Possible work with perpetrator to explore reasons for incident.</p>	<p>Staff error causing little/no harm</p> <p><i>Examples: Friction mark on skin due to ill-fitting hoist sling.</i></p> <p><i>One off medication error where there are no effects on the adult at risk.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>Consider staff competency and review of care plans and internal processes.</p>	<p>Unexplainable mark found on one occasion where there is no distress caused to the adult at risk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>Work with the adult at risk to keep safe.</p>
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Examples of when a SAFEGUARDING REFERRAL IS REQUIRED

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<p>Minor physical assault leading to slight injury, but where this is not of a serious nature and the effect on the adult at risk adult is low.</p> <p><i>Example: The adult at risk is hit on the thigh, causing a dead leg. They are upset at first but soon recover.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing inexplicable marking or lesions, cuts or grip marks.</p> <p><i>Example: grab marks around the adult at risk's wrists over a period of time with no reasonable explanation.</i></p>	<p>Physical assault of a more serious nature where injury is caused.</p> <p><i>Example: The adult at risk is repeatedly hit, causing facial injuries.</i></p>
<p>Murder or death where neglect by services or carer is alleged.</p>	<p>Assisted suicide.</p>	<p>An adult at risk unlawfully deprived of their liberty.</p>

Remember: All examples, whether a safeguarding referral is required or not, require some action.