



# Private Landlord Registration - Landlord Guide Child and Adult Protection, April 2018

Child and Adult Support and Protection is everyone's responsibility. That includes you! As a private landlord you may have direct contact with your tenants, or information from neighbours, that raises concerns for you or makes you feel uneasy. It is not unusual after something happens for people to say, "I did wonder about ..." or "I didn't think that was right". To ensure we all work together to support and protect those who may require this, you need to recognise when there may be risks to children or adults at risk of harm and know what you should do about it. An adult at risk of harm will have a disability, mental illness, or some kind of infirmity that makes them more vulnerable than others.

Both children and some adults can be at risk of harm in many different ways, for example:

- **Physical harm** – you may hear someone being assaulted, you may see bruising or marks that cannot be explained or that do not match the explanations being given
- **Emotional harm** – you may be aware that someone is being bullied, intimidated, threatened or harassed
- **Sexual harm** – you may be concerned someone is being exploited and/or coerced into sexual behaviour, being exposed to inappropriate sexual material or being sexually harassed or intimidated
- **Neglect and self-neglect (adults)** – you may become aware that the home is not being kept in a condition that is safe or healthy, that a child is being left unattended, that the house is cold and not being heated

## For adults:

- **Financial harm** – you may be concerned that someone is being forced or pressurised into giving money to others, they may start to have money difficulties that were not previously an issue that raises concerns with you
- **Self-harm** – self-injury and self-poisoning.

If you are worried that a child or adult is at immediate risk of harm then you should call 999 and report this to Police Scotland.

If you are worried that a child or adult may be at risk of harm, but not in immediate danger, you should share your concerns by phoning:

- 03451 551503 for child protection
- 01383 602200 for adult protection

More information can be found on [Fife's Child Protection website](#) or [Fife Direct Adult Protection](#)



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