

Safety First Project:

The Safety First project supports disabled people from Preston, Chorley and South Ribble to maintain their safety at home, in their personal relationships and in the community. The main project activities include:

- 'Safe and Well' checks by telephone or messaging services
- One-to-one support for victims of abuse or crime, including hate crime
- Providing talks to community groups and attending community events
- Holding FUN group activities and support sessions and providing volunteering opportunities

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Disabled People: Your right to be safe.



It is estimated that **1 in 5 people** in the UK population are disabled. Yet the evidence shows that disabled people are disproportionately affected by violence, abuse and neglect.



This leaflet highlights some of the types of crime and abuse experienced by disabled people and how and where to get help.

Everyone has a right to be safe and to have equal access to justice.

Disability Hate Crime

Disability Hate Crime: is 'any criminal offence that is motivated by hostility or prejudice based upon a person's disability'. Disability hate crimes can range from verbal abuse and name-calling to criminal damage and physical assault and can be committed by strangers or by people known to you such as neighbours, colleagues, carers, friends.

Mate Crime:

Mate crime happens when someone pretends to be a friend but they are pretending so that they can take advantage of you. It is committed by someone known to you and may be a 'friend', family member, supporter, paid staff or carer who may take your money or persuade you to do something you don't want to do.



Domestic Abuse:

Domestic abuse happens in personal or intimate relationships with a partner or family member. The abusive behaviours can include; physical abuse and violence, verbal abuse and name-calling, financial, emotional and sexual abuse and controlling behaviour.