



## Protecting vulnerable adults

### Protecting vulnerable adults within our community

The safety and well being of all our tenants is of very high importance to us and we place a special emphasis on protecting the more vulnerable members of our community.

We pledge to uphold the right of every vulnerable adult to live with dignity and to be free from abuse and the fear of abuse.

We also promise to be both diligent and enthusiastic in ensuring that our tenants are not harmed or exploited by others.

Who is a vulnerable adult? A vulnerable adult is a person over 18, "who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant exploitation". ("No Secrets" - Department of Health).

What is abuse? Abuse refers to various forms of force, threats and fraud.  
The main forms of abuse are:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Psychological/emotional abuse
- Discriminatory abuse
- Financial or material abuse
- Neglect

If you feel you may be a victim of such abuse, or you suspect that a vulnerable adult is being abused, you may contact Devon County Council on **01392 382570** during office hours, or in an emergency phone Devon and Cornwall Constabulary on **08705 777444**.

For more information on Tor Homes' approach to the protection of vulnerable adults, please click on the link below

### Related Links:

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