

# Vulnerability-related risks

How to recognise and respond to risks when working with vulnerable people

These guidelines focus on supporting officers and staff to:

- recognise individuals at risk of harm
- better understand the vulnerabilities of all those they encounter, rather than thinking about risk in relation to individual forms of harm, such as child abuse or domestic violence in isolation
- interact with vulnerable people in a way that maximises opportunities for disclosure

The guidelines consist of:

- one strategic-level guideline for chief officers
- three practical guidelines for police responders

## Related reports and information

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