



Rights for housing and support

The right to be safe from harm

The right to be safe from serious harm



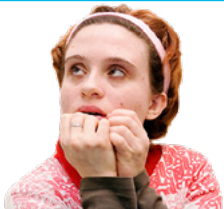
The right to be safe from serious harm is Article 3 of the Human Rights Act.



In the law this is called the right to be free from inhumane and degrading treatment.



Staff working in public services must NOT make decisions or do things which cause you:



To feel very scared



To feel very embarrassed



A lot of pain

The right to be safe from serious harm



If staff in public bodies know you are at risk of serious harm, they have to do something to help you.

This is called **safeguarding**.



Staff in public bodies must respect and protect this right whether you:

Housing
Association



Are renting
your home
from a
housing
association

Rent



Are renting
your home
from a
private
landlord



Own your
own home

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There are lots of ways that someone's right to be safe from serious harm could be at risk.

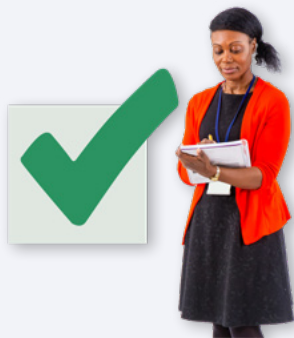
Being homeless is one example.



This may be because being homeless makes someone feel very scared or it is very bad for their health.



This person could talk to a housing officer about their right to be safe from serious harm.



The Housing Officer must protect this right because they work for a public body.

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There is guide about the right to be safe from serious harm by The British Institute of Human Rights:



<https://www.bihhr.org.uk/get-informed/what-rights-do-i-have/the-right-to-be-free-from-torture-and-inhuman-or-degrading-treatment>

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