

# Safeguarding Adults Week 2021 - 7-minute briefings

## Background

The theme for the National Safeguarding Week 2021 is “Creating Safer Cultures”.

Promoting safer cultures is all about how organisations and individuals can take steps to minimise harm occurring in the first instance, whilst simultaneously ensuring correct policies and procedures are in place so that safeguarding concerns that are raised, are recognised and responded to effectively.

## What to do

The Ann Craft Trust are hosting a conference during National Safeguarding Week – Opening Eyes and Minds: Grooming & Exploitation.

Take time to familiarise yourself with the resources highlighted in this briefing, as grooming and exploitation can happen to any person at any age.

## Why it Matters

People can experience grooming and exploitation at any age and in a wide range of contexts. There are many different type of grooming to be aware of: predatory marriage; financial scams and radicalisation are just some examples.



## Information

**Predatory Marriage** – This is the practice of marrying an elderly person exclusively for the purpose of gaining access to their estate upon their death. Click [here](#) for more information

**Financial Scams** - Some people are exploiting the Covid – 19 crisis to scam at risk individuals. According to City of London Police, there has been a 400% rise in scams and fraud during the pandemic, costing victims over £970k.

For more details of what to be aware of, click [here](#)

## Signs of Grooming in Adults :

The person becomes withdrawn, may seem troubled and emotions may become more volatile;  
You notice them wearing something new, that you didn't buy for them;

Groomers often aim to isolate their targets from friends and family;  
Sums of money disappear from person's back account;  
Person may spend more time on the phone or online than usual;  
They start talking about a new “friend”/”boyfriend”/”girlfriend”