


# Adult Safeguarding Day

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# The ADULT SAFEGUARDING DAY message

All people have legal protections to ensure their wishes about money, health and welfare are respected. Health services, banks, utilities, government services and professionals – public and private sector – must take steps to hear and support each person's decision.

# 1. 'My Voice is my Right' / communication barriers

Under the law everyone is presumed to have capacity.

If a person has capacity but a communication challenge, responsibility lies with services to support them. This could involve:

- Meeting in person if somebody isn't online
- Using assistive technology
- Working with language interpretation.

## 2. Decision-Making Capacity challenge

If a person has decision-making capacity challenge three levels of formal support can be put in place:

- A decision-making assistant
- A co-decision maker
- A decision-making representative.

Planning ahead encouraged for all adults through:

- An Enduring Power of Attorney
- An Advance Healthcare Directive.

## Safeguarding Day Resources

- Print materials: [info@safeguardingireland.org](mailto:info@safeguardingireland.org)
- Online: [www.safeguardingday.ie](http://www.safeguardingday.ie)

## One key go to

- Decision Support Service.

## What's happening?

- X, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn
- 4 x video animations
- RED C research
- Grab social media images at [www.safeguardingday.ie](http://www.safeguardingday.ie)
- Media interviews
- Radio & social media ads
- Events, post your pics...
- Let's trend... #safeguardingday25
- Email – [info@safeguardingireland.org](mailto:info@safeguardingireland.org)

**Good luck and THANKS.....**