



PLYMOUTH
CITY COUNCIL

The role of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

A guide for Children and Young People



This leaflet was created in partnership with the Children's Participation Team



We want children and young people to feel safe wherever they are. Either in the care of their parents or carer or in the care of a trusted adult such as a teacher/ swimming instructor/scouts or girl guides/ any club or activity which is overseen by an adult that we call someone in a Position of Trust (PoT).

These are the steps that will be done when the LADO is contacted.

STEP ONE

If an adult working with you or other children has:

- Behaved in a way that has harmed or may have harmed you
- Behaved in a way that has harmed or may have harmed another child
- Possibly committed a criminal offence against you or another child you know
- Behaved towards you or another child in a way that could mean they may pose a risk of harm to children

You need to speak to an adult that you trust such as a parent/teacher. They will report this for you.

STEP TWO

This is when the LADO is told. LADO is short for Local Authority Designated Officer. They are employed by Plymouth and oversee all investigations where someone in a PoT is involved.

The LADO will arrange a meeting to make sure all the information is shared and that you and other children are safe. At the meeting, all of the information around the concerns you have told us about will be discussed and the people at the meeting will decide on if you have been harmed and actions to protect you and other young people.

There may be more than one meeting.

Before the meeting, the adult you have reported may be suspended from their working role with children and young people.



**Remember...
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young people to feel
safe wherever
they are**

If you have concerns about a child please tell someone who can help

Plymouth Children's Social Care

Plymouth Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

01752 668000 (Office hours) 01752 346984 (Out of hours)

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

01752 306758 (Office hours) Email: lado@plymouth.gov.uk

Plymouth Police

Emergency 999 Non-emergency 101

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