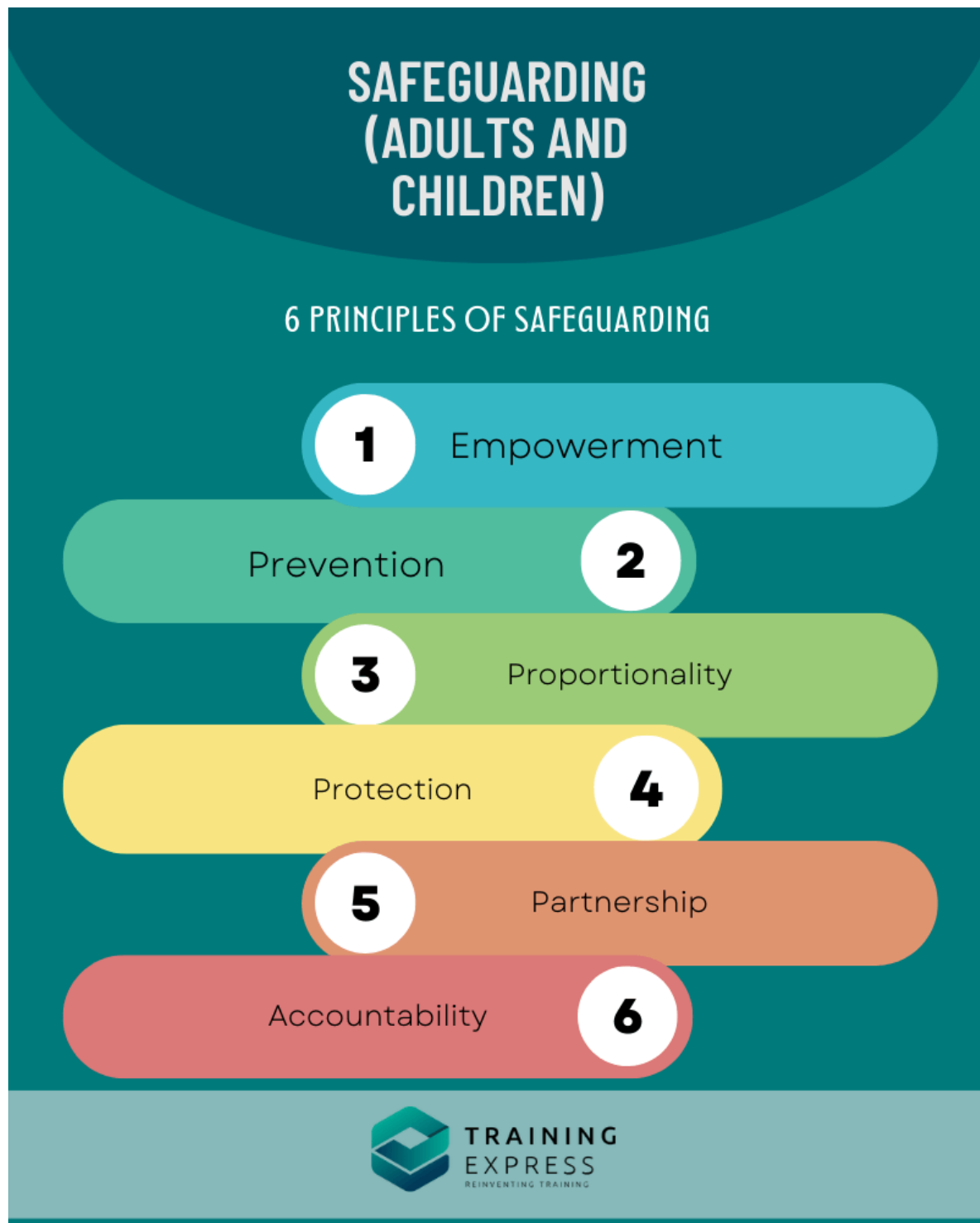


The 6 principles of safeguarding- In practice

What are the 6 principles of safeguarding- Background

The Care Act 2014 is important government legislation that focuses on protecting and safeguarding adults. As part of this legislation the 6 key principles were created to encompass important elements of the legislation. Although the care act and the 6 principles are aimed at adults, they can be applied to children's safeguarding too.



1. Empowerment

The first principle- empowerment is focused around giving adults (vulnerable or not) the freedoms and opportunities to make their own decisions around their own care and wellbeing (where possible). This can sometimes mean gaining consent to share or sign post an adult to other services.

Empowerment also means enabling adults to make their own decisions through encouragement and support. And giving adults the confidence to do so.

2. Prevention

Preventing harm, abuse and neglect is the most important aspect of safeguarding. It is at the core of all safeguarding policy and procedures. All organisations, staff and volunteers should be actively working to prevent harm wherever possible.

3. Proportionality

It is important that when supporting an adult that the level of help and action taken is proportional to that individual and fitting to the situation. The least intrusive and most appropriate response to a concern is the best response.

4. Protection

It is important that those who are in greatest need receive appropriate support, and protection should be put in place at the right level to prevent harm.

5. Partnership

By having awareness and good working relationships with other services and agencies- both statutory and other VCSE organisations. You can provide a more rounded service to the adult as well as deal with multiple concerns.

6. Accountability

Taking your responsibility for safeguarding seriously and taking responsibility for the welfare of an adult with a concern is taking accountability for your role and responsibilities.

Further Online guidance

Further guidance on safer recruitment and the DBS service can be found below.

National Council for Voluntary Organisations- <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/help-and-guidance/involving-volunteers/>

Direct Gov- <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service/about>

Forum CIO- <https://northbankforum.org.uk/>

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NCVO- <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/help-and-guidance/safeguarding/specialist-guides/certain-roles/designated-leads/responsibilities/skills-abilities/>