

Safer Learning

Your Rights and Responsibilities

The Adult College for Rural East Sussex (ACRES) is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of students and staff. Health and Safety and Safe Learning policies have been developed to ensure that ACRES meets both its legal and moral responsibilities. All students are entitled to learn in an environment which is both physically safe and free of abuse. Abuse may be physical; sexual; psychological/emotional; financial or material; neglect or discriminatory.

ACRES is committed to ensuring that all students, whether attending advertised programmes or courses being run in partnership with other organisations, are aware of their rights and responsibilities in creating a safe learning environment, and that staff are appropriately supported to provide this.

<p>Personal safety is important when you take part in any kind of learning. You have the right to be and feel safe. People should not harm or abuse you, or threaten to do this.</p>	<p>Your responsibilities are to respect other people's rights to safety, and not to harm or abuse others or threaten to harm or abuse them.</p>	<p>There are staff available who are there to support you and make your place of learning safe.</p>
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<p>What should you do if you think you are being harmed or abused? If you think you have been harmed or abused by another student or learner, member of staff or visitor, you should report this as soon as possible.</p> <p>Tell someone you trust about what is happening Find out from your tutor or other trusted member of staff who is responsible for protecting learners.</p> <p>You can also contact: Samaritans – 08457 909090 Victim support – 0845 3030900</p>

Physical abuse

People should not hurt you by carryout out any physical violence such as hitting, kicking, pinching, burning, pushing, binding or tying you up.

Discrimination

People should not treat you badly because of your age, disability, gender, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation.

Psychological or emotional abuse

People should not upset you by carrying out any psychological or emotional abuse such as bullying, harassment, taunting, teasing or making belittling remarks about you.

Financial, money or material abuse

People should not steal from you or bully you into handing over your money or possessions.

Sexual abuse

People should not:

- Carry out any sexual abuse such as unwanted and uninvited touching
- Force you to touch the sexual parts of their bodies
- Force you to take part in a sexual act with them
- Make suggestive, sexual remarks to you, or
- Use sexist language

Neglect

If you have personal care support, people who are there to support you should not neglect you or ignore you if you ask for their help.

People should not take away your rights to basic living needs such as shelter, food and water, clothing and medicine.

People should not take away your right to make your own decisions.

