



# COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: Child care law standards and guidance  
LEVEL: 3

COURSE

DURATION: One day

## Introduction

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This course is designed to provide participants with an outline of the relevant legislation that covers working in residential child care, including the 1989 Children Act, the National Minimum Standards (Children's Homes) and Every Child Matters. It also looks briefly at Criminal law in relation to Young people, at Children's Rights and Discrimination Legislation.

## Benefits of Attending

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Staff will have a clear understanding of the legal framework in which we work and in particular the requirements of the Care Standards Act 2000 and the National Minimum Standards for Children's Homes, and their role in meeting and improving the required standards.

## Programme Highlights

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- To impart basic legal knowledge of residential child care.
- To develop an understanding of the National Minimum Standards and how they are inspected.
- A knowledge of the Every Child Matters agenda and subsequent Government papers and to understand how we need to act on this
- An understanding of the importance of the outcomes framework and the importance of this in our work
- opportunity to discuss any other legal issues or questions course participants may have.

## Who Should Attend

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Staff new to the service. This course provides essential underpinning knowledge for those starting their career in residential child care

## Special Notes

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# Child Care Law, Standards and Guidance

## Learning Outcomes

- To provide learners with an understanding of child care law, standards and guidance for children's homes
- To provide children's homes workers with an understanding of criminal law other relevant law and important issues

## Introductions (15 mins)

### Session 1 (1 hour) Child care Law and guidance

- Child care law
- Every Child Matters
- Safeguarding legislation including (ISA)
- Safeguarding guidance (including physical interventions)

Coffee. (15 mins)

### Session 2. (1 hour) National Minimum Standards

- Children's Homes National Minimum Standards
- Children's Homes Regulations
- Other guidance including Common Core and Common Assessment framework
- CWDC Induction standards

Lunch (1 hour)

### Session 3. (1 hour) Criminal law (Children)

- Criminal responsibility
- Criminal Law relevant to Children. PACE

Coffee. (15 mins)

### Session 4 (1 hour) Other law and important issues

- Rights and discrimination.
- Confidentiality and Data Protection
- Health and safety law

Any Questions (15 mins)

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