

IMPACT:Ability

Empowering People with Disabilities and Communities to Prevent Abuse



Abuse is not inevitable. We all have the ability to stop it.

Safety is the foundation of success.

The **IMPACT:Ability** program teaches people with disabilities, schools, and nonprofits to understand and prevent abuse.

Studies conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the National Institute of Justice, and numerous independent researchers show that people with disabilities are more likely to experience abuse than people without disabilities.

People with Disabilities learn to Protect and Stand Up for Themselves.

- Hands-on self-defense and self-advocacy training
- Self-protection strategies for situations that involve strangers and familiar people
- Reporting unsafe situations to trusted people

Teachers and Service Providers learn to Recognize Abuse

- Understanding Abuse
- Responding effectively to abuse reports
- Creating environments where safety and opportunity are the norm

Organizations Develop Policies and Practices that Prevent Abuse

- Agency leaders establish clear policies for reporting abuse and protecting whistleblowers from retaliation
- Abuse Prevention Leadership Teams create a culture of safety

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