

Risk awareness for inspectors

Inspectors should be aware of the risks that may arise from interviews with learners.

These include:

- accusations of inappropriate behaviour or conversation
- distress in the learner being attributed to the inspector's manner or questioning, particularly when discussing sensitive topics
- accident or injury occurring during the meeting

In order to minimise the likelihood of occurrence of these risks, inspectors should:

- adhere to the code of conduct for inspectors
- meet groups of learners rather than individuals whenever possible
- hold meetings in rooms which are readily accessible and visible within the provider
- ensure that interviewees can leave the room easily if they so wish
- arrange to work with another adult nearby
- report to the Reporting Inspector and record in writing the details of any incident that gives cause for concern