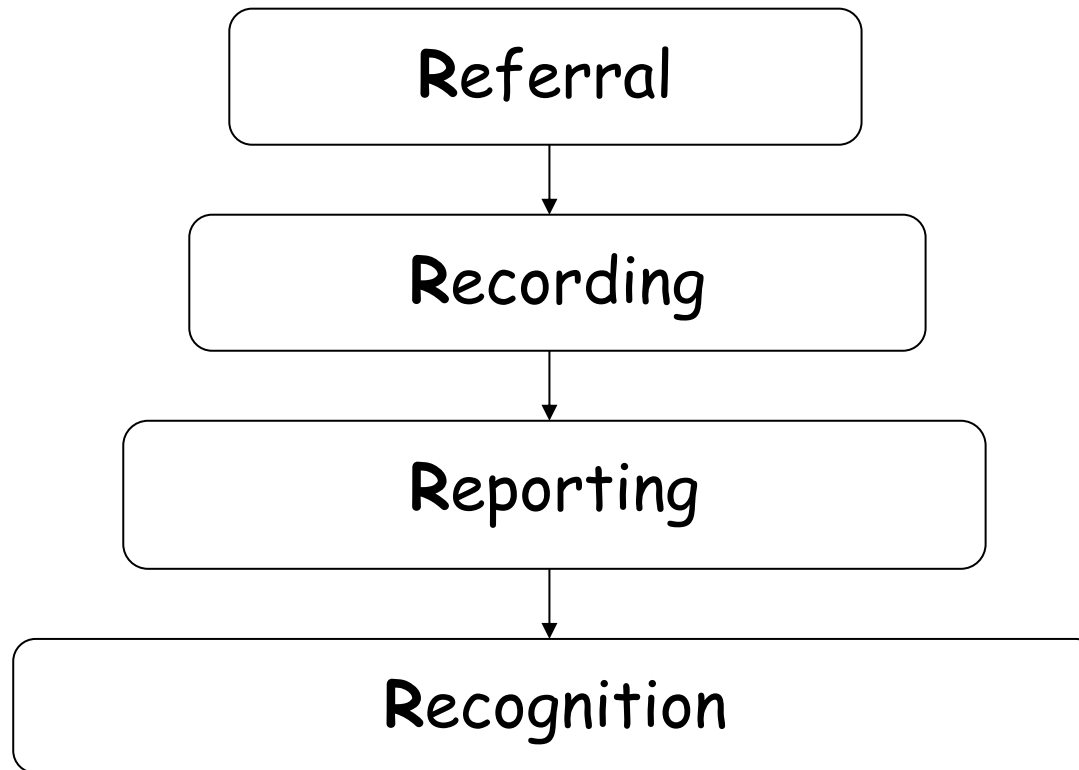


The 4 Rs of Safeguarding



Safeguarding is about preventing harm to people and making a timely and appropriate response when harm is witnessed, suspected or reported. This is summarised in the diagram below: The 4 Rs of Safeguarding. Although preventing harm or abuse is the starting point, when it does occur, the foundation of safeguarding activity is to be able to recognise it. This is illustrated in figure 3. Without the fundamental understanding people cannot be protected from harm or abuse that has occurred, is happening or will otherwise continue.