

# Predatory Marriage



Hidden in plain sight, predatory marriage is an emerging form of exploitation. It can happen anywhere and to anyone, but older adults and adults who lack mental capacity are particularly at risk. Coercion and control and financial abuse are common features within this form of abuse.

## **We all need to be vigilant to stop predatory marriage from happening**

### **Key Facts:**

- The grooming process in often hidden in plain sight
- Predatory marriage can happen to anyone but most commonly it affects older women
- If a marriage takes place, any previous Will made by the victim is revoked, which is almost impossible to challenge
- If there is a power of attorney, the attorney is not notified if the victim marries

### **What can I do to find out more?**

- Attend an awareness session
- Understand that adults can be groomed
- Look out for new friends/acquaintances of adults, particularly those who lack mental capacity or are lonely/bereaved

### **More information can be found here:**

- [www.predatorymarriage.uk](http://www.predatorymarriage.uk)
- [Forced marriage \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)