

Case Study 10 Session 4

Please spend some time reading the case study on your own. Think about what your responses are to the situation described and to the questions asked at the end. Think about what your relationship might be to those involved.

Your neighbour has been living in his flat for several months. He is in his mid-forties and lives on his own, although there seem to be people who come in and out on a regular basis. You think he might be getting support. You have spoken with him a few times in passing and he seems friendly enough but you do not know him very well.

Recently, you have noticed that when you meet in the street he crosses the road as if to avoid talking to you. His curtains are always drawn and his TV is turned up very loud.

It is the middle of the night and you are wakened by loud music. You get dressed and go and knock on your neighbour's door to ask if he would turn the music down.

He comes to the door and opens it slightly, he seems agitated. When you ask him if he is okay, he wants to know if 'they' sent you and what you want.

You explain that you have been woken up by the loud music and want him to turn it down. He says he can't, if he does they will find him and abduct him. That he is not safe.

What he says does not make sense to you. He opens the door wider to see if anyone else is with you and you see he has a bread knife in his hand.

1. What do you think is happening?
2. What do you say to him?
3. What action, if any, do you take?