

# Reporting Elder Abuse

To report suspected abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of an adult age 60 or older or a person with disabilities age 18-59 call the statewide, 24-hour Adult Protective Services Hotline: 1-866-800-1409, 1-888-206-1327 (TTY).

- [Learn More about Reporting Suspected Abuse](#)

## Additional Resources

- [AgeGuide Adult Protective Services Providers](#)
- [National Center for Elder Abuse](#)
- [Types of Elder Abuse and How to Recognize Abuse](#)

- No one has the right to hit you, to treat you like a child, or to humiliate you.
- No one has the right to take your money or your property.
- Elders have rights, autonomy, and deserve to be treated with respect



## WHAT IS ABUSE?

**Physical Abuse:** Pushing, striking, slapping, kicking, pinching, restraining, shaking, beating, burning, hitting, shoving or other acts that can cause harm to an elder.

**Emotional or Psychological Abuse:** Verbal berating, harassment, intimidation, threats of punishment or deprivation, criticism, demeaning comments, coercive behavior or isolation from loved ones.

**Self-neglect:** When individuals fail to provide themselves with whatever is necessary to prevent physical or emotional harm or pain.

### **Financial or Material Exploitation:**

Improper use of an elder's funds, property, or assets; cashing checks without permission; forging signatures; forcing or deceiving an older person into signing a document; using an ATM/debit card without permission.

**Sexual Abuse:** Non-consensual sexual contact of any kind including assault or battery, rape, sodomy, coerced nudity or sexually explicit photography.



## SIGNS OF ABUSE

### **Physical signs may include:**

- cuts, scratches, or puncture wounds
- sunken eyes or cheeks
- burns
- soiled clothing or bedding
- bruises
- lack of necessities such as food, water, or utilities
- welts
- dehydration or malnutrition
- poor coloration

### **Behavioral signs may include:**

- fear or anxiety
- contradictory statements
- agitation
- implausible stories
- anger
- hesitation to talk openly
- isolation
- confusion or disorientation.
- withdrawal
- depression
- resignation
- ambivalence