The American Medical Association’s publication “Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines on Adult Abuse and Neglect” suggests that physicians should incorporate routine questions related to adult abuse and neglect into their daily practice. The protocol should include specific questions for the patient. Suggested questions include:

- Has anyone at home ever hurt you?
- Has anyone ever touched you without your consent?
- Has anyone taken anything that was yours without asking?
- Has anyone refused to give you your medication, kept you from taking it or given you too much or too little?
- Have you ever signed any documents that you didn’t understand or you didn’t want to sign?
- Are you afraid of anyone at home?
- Has anyone taken or broken something you need to be independent such as your can, walker or wheelchair?
- Are you alone a lot?
- Has anyone ever failed to help you take care of yourself when you needed help?

To report adult abuse, neglect or exploitation click here to visit the Eldercare Locator website or call them at 1-800-677-1116.