



Red Flags of Abuse

Does a senior or adult with a disability that you know display any warning signs of mistreatment?

Neglect

- Lack of basic hygiene
- Lack of adequate food
- Lack of medical aids (glasses, walker, teeth, hearing aid, medications)
- Lack of clean appropriate clothing
- Person with dementia left unsupervised
- Bed bound person left without care
- Home cluttered, filthy, in disrepair, or having fire & safety hazards
- Home without adequate facilities (stove, refrigerator, heat, cooling, working plumbing, and electricity)
- Untreated pressure “bed” sores

Financial Abuse

- Lack of amenities victim could afford
- Elder “voluntarily” giving inappropriate financial reimbursement for needed care and companionship
- Caregiver has control of elder’s money but is failing to provide for elder’s needs
- Caretaker “living off” elder
- Elder has signed property transfers (Power of Attorney, new will, etc.) when unable to comprehend the transaction

Psychological Abuse

- Caregiver isolates elder (doesn’t let anyone into the home or speak to the elder)
- Caregiver is verbally aggressive or demeaning, controlling, overly concerned about spending money, or uncaring

Physical Abuse

- Inadequately explained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores or burns

Reporting in Orange County—Abuse of Elders (age 65+) and Vulnerable Adults:

If you suspect abuse occurring in the community, call *Adult Protective Services* (APS) to make a *confidential* report or to discuss making a report: **1-800-451-5155**

If you suspect abuse occurring in a Residential Care Facility, call the *Council on Aging-OC, Long-Term Care Ombudsman*: **1-800-300-6222**

You can also call local Law Enforcement if someone's safety is at risk and/or you suspect criminal conduct.

Reporting Suspected Elder Abuse *Outside* of Orange County:

If you suspect elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation, please call the national Eldercare Locator, a public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging at **(1-800-677-1116)**

In case of emergency, call your local police station or **911**.

Resources

- Orange County Office on Aging Information and Referrals: (800) 510-2020
- CA State Long Term Care Ombudsman CRISISline: (800) 231-4024
- O.C. Mental Health Crisis Hotline: (714) 834-6900
- CA State Bar Lawyer Referral Service: (866) 442-2529
- CA Office of Victim Services: (877) 433-9069



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