

What Everyone Should Know About Elder Abuse

If you or someone you know is a victim of elder abuse, there is help!

Emergency
Call
9-1-1



Non-Emergency
Adult Protective Services
(877) 767-2385

Do you or your loved one live in a licensed care facility where the abuse is taking place?

Report the abuse to the Arizona Long-Term Care Ombudsman office (602) 542-6454.



What is elder abuse?

Elder abuse is when someone causes harm or serious risk to a vulnerable adult. This could be done by trusted individuals like caregivers or family members.

[A.R.S. § 13-3623](#) and [A.R.S. § 46-451](#)

Types of Elder Abuse

<p>Physical Abuse Intentionally using force against another person that causes discomfort, pain, and/or injury.</p>	<p>Emotional Abuse Causing fear, distress, mental pain, and/or restricting contact with loved ones.</p>	<p>Financial Abuse Improper, unauthorized, and/or illegal use of a person's money or possessions.</p>
<p>Neglect Carelessness or lack of regard for another person's safety, needs, and/or wellbeing.</p>	<p>Sexual Abuse Forced, non-consensual sexual contact; those with deminished mental capacity may not be able to consent.</p>	<p>Abandonment Being intentionally deserted without another person and/or facility arranged to provide care.</p>

What are the possible signs of abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult?

- ⚠ Weight loss or dehydrated
- ⚠ Bed sores
- ⚠ Sleep problems
- ⚠ Depressed or withdrawn
- ⚠ Undermedicated
- ⚠ Foul odors from the home or person
- ⚠ Unexplained injuries
- ⚠ Cringe when touched
- ⚠ Unsafe living conditions
- ⚠ Bruises
- ⚠ Unclean bedding or clothes
- ⚠ Changes in banking or spending

