

Help for Victims of Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse



Becoming a victim of a violent crime can have a devastating impact on an older person or a dependent adult. Many victims of elder abuse or dependent adult abuse may feel that they have few options. Others may feel unable to resolve or avoid abusive situations due to age, health, or limited resources.

Assistance is available for victims of elder and dependent adult abuse through the County of Sacramento District Attorney's Victim Witness Assistance Program. Trained and experienced Victim Advocates can provide crisis counseling, direct assistance, information about the criminal justice system, and community referrals.

RESOURCES

Sacramento County, District
Attorney's Office
Victim Witness Assistance Program
(916) 874-5701

Sacramento County
Adult Protective Services
(916) 874-9471
(916) 874-9377 (24 hrs)

Legal Center for the Elderly &
Disabled
(916) 488-5298 or TDD
(916) 973-3195

Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept
(916) 874-5115

Sacramento City Police Department
(916) 264-5471

Citrus Heights Police Department
(916) 727-5500

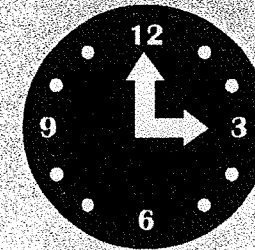
Elk Grove Police Department
(916) 478-8000

Folsom Police Department
(916) 355-7231

Rancho Cordova Police Department
(916) 362-5115

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY,
DIAL 911**

Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse



TIME TO STOP!!!



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Definition

Elder = any person who is 65 years of age or older

Types of Elder Abuse

Physical/Sexual Abuse:

pushing, hitting, throwing objects, pinching/squeezing, shaking, sexual assault, the use of physical restraint, inappropriate usage of medications

Psychological/Verbal Abuse:

constant criticism, name calling, threats of physical harm or nursing home placement, intimidation, swearing, emotional withholding, yelling

Neglect:

failure to provide appropriate nutrition and/or medication, poor hygiene, unsanitary/unsafe living conditions, abandonment

Financial (Fiduciary)

Exploitation:

theft, improper use of money or property, extortion, embezzlement, fraud, unauthorized use of funds from the bank

VICTIM SERVICES

- ❖ Crisis intervention and short-term counseling, emotional support, court accompaniment, and information throughout the court process
- ❖ Resource and referral counseling
- ❖ Advocacy for victims within the criminal justice system
- ❖ Assistance in applying to the State Board of Control Victims of Crime Program for reimbursement of crime related expenses
- ❖ Emergency assistance in obtaining food and clothing
- ❖ Assistance with short-term emergency shelter
- ❖ Assist with the preparation of a victim impact statement for sentencing
- ❖ Information about victims' rights
- ❖ Temporary Restraining Order assistance

Definition

Dependent Adult = a person who relies on another for support due to mental and/or physical disabilities

Types of Dependent Adult Abuse

Physical/Sexual Abuse:

Slapping, kicking, pushing, beating, shaking, squeezing/pinching, forcing sexual acts without consent

Psychological/Verbal Abuse:

making humiliating remarks / name calling, swearing, yelling, threats, withholding of affection, criticism, intimidation

Isolation:

monitoring/controlling the person's movement, refusing to let the person outside the home or allow the person to have visitors, confining the person to a particular area

Neglect:

leaving person unattended, abandonment, failure to provide proper nutrition and/or medical care, hazardous living conditions, physical inaccessibility, poor personal hygiene