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

Send an email or visit us online for more resources! [www.centeronelderabuse.org](http://www.centeronelderabuse.org)

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