

What You Can Do?

- Recognize the signs of adult abuse
- Look for indicators of adult abuse and behavioral changes
 - Ask
 - Report or Refer
- Do not discount a vulnerable adult's claim simply because of cognitive impairment

If you believe that a vulnerable adult is in imminent danger, call **1-877-597-2331** or your local law enforcement agency immediately. If the adult is not in imminent danger but you are suspicious, watch the way the caregiver acts toward the elderly or disabled adult.

The online Kentucky Child/Adult Protective Services Reporting System is available for professionals to report non-emergency situations that do not require an immediate response from our staff.

<https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/ReportAbuse>

Look for a pattern of threatening, harassing, blaming or making demeaning remarks to the vulnerable adult — or isolating the person from family members and friends. Watch for an obvious lack of helpfulness or indifference, aggression or anger toward the adult. Listen for conflicting stories about the elderly or disabled adult's illnesses or injuries.

Profile of Perpetrator of

Adult Maltreatment

- Usually a Relative
- Usually the Primary Caregiver
- Lack of Caregiving Experience
 - Low Self-Esteem
 - Substance Abuse
 - Lack of Social Supports
- May have Learned Violence

It's the Law!

Kentucky is a mandatory reporting state. (Reference KRS 209.030)

Abuse, neglect and exploitation of a vulnerable adult is often a silent crime. If you suspect abuse of a vulnerable adult call:

1-877-597-2331

To make a non-emergency report online go to:

<https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/ReportAbuse>

For More Information

Adult Protection Branch
275 E. Main St, 3E-C
Frankfort, KY 40621
502-564-7043

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dpp/eea>

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

YOU can make a difference.

**Report Adult Abuse,
Neglect and Exploitation**

1-877-597-2331



Who Are We?

What are Adult Protective Services?

Adult Protective Services is responsible for investigating and providing protective services to individuals that are reported to be the alleged victim of abuse, neglect or exploitation according to KRS 209.020(7, 8 and 15).

Services may include but are not limited to conducting investigations of complaints of possible abuse, neglect, or exploitation to ascertain whether or not the situation and condition of the adult in need of protective services warrants further action; social services aimed at preventing and remedying abuse, neglect, exploitation; and services directed toward seeking legal determination of whether or not the adult in need of protective services has been abused, neglected, or exploited and to ensure that he obtains suitable care in or out of his home.

Who Do We Serve?

According to KRS 209.020, the definition of a vulnerable adult is:

A person eighteen (18) years of age or older who, because of mental or physical dysfunctioning, is unable to manage his own resources, carry out the activity of daily living, or protect himself from neglect, exploitation, or a hazardous or abusive situation without assistance from others, and who may be in need of protective services.

Maltreatment and Indicators

What is Abuse?

The infliction of injury, sexual abuse, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment that results in physical pain or injury, including mental injury.

Indicators of Abuse:

- Physical abuse-** Bruises, Cigarette Burns, Strangulation Marks, Skin Tears, Pain on Touching, Scalp Injuries, Fractures, Dislocations, Untreated Wounds, Scalp Injuries, and Scratches, Hematomas, Detached Retina and Poisoning.

- Sexual abuse-** Presence of an STD, Unusual Discharge, Foul Odor, Bruises around breasts or genital area

- Emotional abuse-** verbal assaults, intimidating, threatening, isolating, treating as a child.

What is Neglect ?

A situation in which an adult is unable to perform or obtain for himself the goods or services which are necessary to maintain his health or welfare or the deprivation of services by a caretaker which are necessary to maintain the health and welfare of an adult.

Indicators of Neglect: (Caretaker or Self)

- Soiled clothing or bedding
- Hoarding
- Failure to provide adequate food or nutrition
- Poor hygiene
- Urine odors
- Unusual weight loss
- Weight loss
- Lack of food or water
- Failure to administer medication or seek medical treatment
- Inappropriate food
- Pressure sores
- Confusion
- Left alone or locked up for extended periods of time
- Lack of necessary aids, cane, walker, glasses, and dentures.

What is Exploitation?

Obtaining or using another person's resources, including but not limited to funds, assets, or property, by deception, intimidation, or similar means, with the intent to deprive the person of those resources

Indicators of Exploitation:

- Unusual Activity in Bank Account
- Level of Care Inconsistent with resources
- Missing Property
- Sudden Affection or Attention to Adult
- Attempts to Isolate from Support System
- Person-inappropriate contact