To Report Suspected Abuse call:
Toll free: 888-729-0571

How to Contact Us

Carson City Administrative Office
3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132
Carson City, Nevada 89706
P: (775) 687-4210
F: (775) 687-0574

Elko Regional Office
1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104
Elko, Nevada, 89801
P: (775) 738-1966
F: (775) 753-8543

Las Vegas Regional Office
1860 East Sahara Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada, 89104
P: (702) 486-3545
F: (702) 486-3572

Reno Regional Office
9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 200
Reno, Nevada, 89521
P: (775) 687-0800
F: (775) 688-2969

WARNING SIGNS OF ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, EXPLOITATION, ISOLATION, NEGLECT, AND SELF-NEGLECT

The State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division provides Adult Protective Services for vulnerable persons age 18-59, in addition to persons 60 years and older, collectively referred to as vulnerable adults.

Adult Protective Services Mission Statement:

To assist older persons, age 60 and over and vulnerable persons, who are abandoned, abused, neglected, isolated, or exploited by investigating and providing or arranging for services to alleviate and prevent further maltreatment while safeguarding their civil liberties.

Aging and Disability Services Division observes the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any service or activity because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or physical or mental disability under these programs. 08/2019

If a vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, the local police, sheriff’s office or emergency medical service should be contacted. If the person is not in immediate danger, the report should be made via one of the designated phone numbers.

Steve Sisolak
Governor

Richard Whitley
Director
Department of Health and Human Services

Dena Schmidt
Administrator
Aging and Disability Services Division
ABANDONMENT
Desertion of a vulnerable adult in an unsafe manner and/or withdrawal of necessary assistance owed to the vulnerable adult by a caregiver or person with a legal duty of care

ABUSE - PHYSICAL
- Abrasions, cuts or bruises
- Asphyxiation or hypothermia
- Untreated bed sores
- Broken or dislocated bones
- Burns or scalding
- Unexplained injuries or wounds
- Over sedation, poisoning
- Over/under medicating
- Friction from restraints
- Dehydration/malnutrition

NEGLECT
When a person who has voluntarily assumed responsibility to provide necessary supervision, food, shelter, clothing, or services which are necessary to maintain physical/mental health of the vulnerable adult and then fails to provide those things

Neglect does NOT need to be intentional!!

EXPLOITATION
Unauthorized signatures on checks or financial documents
Unusual withdrawals from banks or other financial institutions
Missing money or property
Sudden and unusual bank activity
Unusual purchases

ABUSE - PSYCHOLOGICAL
Harming, damaging or destroying property, including without limitation, pets
Disregarding the needs of the vulnerable adult
Harming, damaging or destroying property, including without limitation, pets
Threatening, controlling or intimidating the vulnerable adult
Humiliation
Verbal assaults

SELF-NEGLECT
The failure of a vulnerable adult to provide for his/her own needs because of an inability to do so

A vulnerable adult has a right to self-determination - the ability to make his/her own choices, good or bad, unless a judge has declared the person incompetent

Self-Neglect is NOT a crime!!

ISOLATION
Physically restraining and/or intentionally preventing the person from having visitors, mail, or telephone calls

ABUSE - SEXUAL
Non-consensual sexual contact:
An act that the vulnerable person is unable to understand or is unable to communicate his/her objection to
Intentional touching - directly or through the clothing

Anytime Sexual Abuse is alleged, Law Enforcement must be contacted immediately

OBVIOUS SIGNS OF ABUSE
Fearful
Confused
Depressed
Unresponsive or withdrawn
Lack of cleanliness/grooming
Anxious to please

Fear of speaking for oneself in the presence of the caretaker
Shame/embarrassment
Sudden change in financial activity such as unusual cash withdrawals from their accounts in a short period of time

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