ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCE

More than 73,000 older adults in Michigan are victims of elder abuse. They experience abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

The symptoms and treatment of elder abuse are complex and demand a concerted effort to tackle this often unrecognized and unreported social problem. That’s why we brought together dozens of different organizations to work collaboratively to tackle the challenge.

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REPORT ELDER ABUSE

To report abuse in a nursing home, contact the Attorney General’s Health Care Fraud Division on its statewide hotline, 800-24-ABUSE (800-242-2873), by email (hcf@michigan.gov) or through the online complaint form (mi.gov/agcomplaints.)

ABUSE
Harm or threatened harm to an adult’s health or welfare caused by another person.

NEGLECT
The inability or failure to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical care, etc.

EXPLOITATION
The misuse of an adult’s funds, property or personal dignity (e.g., humiliation, objectification, degradation, dehumanization) by another person.

ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION

Notify the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Adult Protective Services at 855-444-3911, if you suspect abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred in:

• A private residence,
• An unlicensed setting (i.e., assisted living facility),
• An adult foster care home,
• A home for the aged, or
• A nursing home where the suspected perpetrator is not an employee of the facility or the resident is on leave from the the nursing home.

DOCUMENT AND REPORT IT

Take photographs and make written statements concerning: what you observed, when you observed it, who was present, and any further information that may be of assistance.

Immediately report incidents in the nursing home to the administrator, the director of nursing or the charge nurse of the health care facility.

Immediately report applicable situations to Adult Protective Services; the State Police and/or the local police; Attorney General Health Care Fraud Division; Long-Term Care Ombudsman; and the Department of Insurance and Financial Services.

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<td>24-hour crisis intervention for vulnerable adults.</td>
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<td>Attorney General Consumer Protection</td>
<td>877-765-8388 mi.gov/agcomplaints</td>
<td>Report consumer complaints (e.g., scams, identity theft).</td>
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<td>Attorney General Financial Crimes</td>
<td>517-335-7560 mi.gov/elderabuse</td>
<td>Report if someone is taking money or assets from a vulnerable adult not in a licensed residential care facility.</td>
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<td>Attorney General Health Care Fraud</td>
<td>800-24-ABUSE (800-242-2873) mi.gov/elderabuse</td>
<td>Report financial or physical abuse or neglect of residents in licensed residential care facilities.</td>
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<td>Attorney General Public Administration</td>
<td>517-335-7627 mi.gov/elderabuse</td>
<td>Concerns about a Public Administrator’s handling of estate assets of individuals who die without a will or known heirs.</td>
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<td>Counsel and Advocacy Law Line (CALL)</td>
<td>888-783-8190</td>
<td>Attorney-staffed telephone advice, brief service, and referrals for seniors (60+) and low income people.</td>
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<td>DIFS</td>
<td>877-999-6442 mi.gov/difs</td>
<td>Investigate consumer complaints against insurance, banking, credit union, mortgage and other financial products.</td>
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<td>LARA Bureau of Community and Health Services</td>
<td>800-882-6006 mi.gov/lara</td>
<td>Report abuse or neglect related to quality-of-care concerns in licensed nursing homes.</td>
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<td>LARA Board of Professional Licensing</td>
<td>517-241-0199 mi.gov/lara</td>
<td>Report complaints and allegations against licensed care professionals (doctors, dentists, nurses, etc.)</td>
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<td>Michigan Long-Term Care Ombudsman</td>
<td>866-485-9393 <a href="mailto:mltcop@meji.org">mltcop@meji.org</a></td>
<td>Concerns about your rights, care, or services in a nursing home, home for aged or adult foster care.</td>
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To Report: 855-444-3911 mi.gov/protectiveservices

For Questions: 800-24-ABUSE (22873) mi.gov/elderabuse

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