

Elder Abuse is a Crime and Vulnerable Adults are at a high Risk of Being Abused!

Do You Know Someone Who May Be A Victim of Elder Abuse?

If you or someone you know is being abused, you have a place to turn for help.

Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan (NLSM)

offers legal assistance, referrals, public speakers, and outreach presentations on elder abuse.

For Free Legal Help or Information on
Community Education Programs call

NLSM's

Elder Law & Advocacy Center

(313) 937-8291

**24-hour Protective Services Hotline to Report
Abuse**

1-855-444-3911

The Adult Protective Services Program (APS) of the Michigan Department of Human Services is mandated by law to investigate cases of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation for adults, 18 years of age or older. You may call them at their toll-free number above to make a confidential report.

You can make your report anonymously.

What is Elder Abuse

Physical: Acts of violence resulting in pain or injury.

Signs include:

- scratches
- lacerations
- fractures
- multiple injuries
- favoring areas of body
- lack of eye contact

Neglect: Failure of responsible person to provide goods or services needed for the adult to function or prevent harm. This includes self-neglect.

Signs include:

- dehydration
- malnutrition
- poor personal hygiene
- decreased weight
- pressure sores

Psychological: Behavior causing mental suffering.

Signs include:

- confusion
- withdrawal
- depression
- fear
- agitation
- embarrassment

Exploitation: Misuse of the adult's finances and/or assets.

Signs include:

- unusual activity in bank accounts
- transfer of adult's assets to another
- substandard care despite adequate financial resources
- hoarding of personal items
- missing valuables/clothing
- lack of spending money

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