

## Reporting Suspected Elder Abuse, Neglect and Financial Exploitation

Reporting can sometimes be a difficult decision. Someone might wonder if making a report is really the right thing to do, especially if they don't think they have enough information or if the elder is adamant that the authorities should not be involved. Some individuals and professionals may be mandated to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation.

**To make a report of suspected elder abuse, you do not have to know everything about the situation. Have the following information ready:**

- Name, age and address of the potential victim
- Brief description of the situation
- Any evidence of previous maltreatment
- Your name and contact information
- Explain how you know about the situation, your relationship to the elder
- Name and address of alleged perpetrator
- Location of the incident(s)
- Current injuries, medical problems, or behavioral problems
- Names of relatives or concerned parties in or outside the home

## To Make a Report

**If the elder is in crisis, call 911 immediately.**

**Call the toll-free Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Line at 1-844-880-1574.**

**If the elder is living in a long term care facility, contact the Ombudsman for Long Term Care at 1-800-657-3591.**