

MINNESOTA ELDER JUSTICE CENTER

REPORTING SUSPECTED ELDER ABUSE, NEGLECT AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

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



The Minnesota Elder Justice Center provides support to older and vulnerable victims and their families, professional education and training, public awareness, education and public policy advocacy.

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 the 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 older adult is in an emergency, a crisis, or in danger call 911 immediately.
- Call the toll-free Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Line at 1-844-880-1574

Questions about what to do? Call the Minnesota Elder Justice Center Helpline for guidance and resources at 651-440-9300.



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