

Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation During COVID-19

For many Minnesotans including older adults who are experiencing domestic violence, home is not a safe place to be. **Shelter-in-place requirements do not mean you have to stay in an unsafe home: everyone has a right to live free from violence or the threat of violence.** Domestic violence includes the abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of older and vulnerable adults. Abuse and neglect result in physical harm or fear of harm; and financial exploitation is an exercise of power and control, and can deprive someone of their own and needed resources.

Shelters and hotlines remain open in Minnesota, and continue to provide housing, services and support to people fearful of or experiencing violence in their homes. Additionally, county Adult Protective Services continue to investigate and respond to reports of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation in the community, alongside their law enforcement partners. To follow is a short list of resource contact numbers if you are experiencing or concerned about domestic violence.

Emergency: 911

[MN Elder Justice Center](#): 651-440-9305 (advocacy and support)

[Day One Crisis Line](#): 1-866-223-1111 (shelter and crisis resources, advocacy and support)

[Adult Protective Services](#) – Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Reporting Center (MAARC): 1-844-880-1574 (to report suspected abuse, neglect or financial exploitation)

[Office of the Ombudsman for Long Term Care](#): 1-800-657-3591 (advocacy and support for those receiving long term care services in facilities or at home)

[Senior LinkAge Line](#): 1-800-333-2433 (general resource for older adults seeking information on a wide range of subjects)