

Helpful Resources

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, please call 911.

Madison County Sheriff's Office:

(618)692-6087

Madison County State's Attorney's Office:

(618)692-6280

Madison County Triad:

(618)296-2800

Adult Protective Services Hotline:

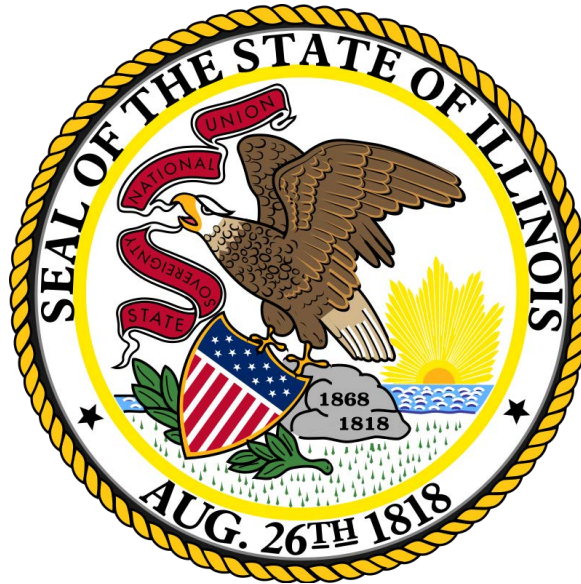
1-866-800-1409

Illinois Department of Public Health Nursing Home Complaint Hotline:

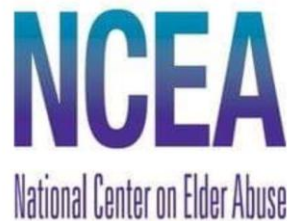
1-800-252-4343

Illinois Attorney General's Senior Citizens Consumer Fraud Hotline:

1-800-243-5377



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Educating for an End to Elder Abuse

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What is Elder Abuse?

Intentional or neglectful acts by a caregiver or trusted individual that leads to (or may lead to) harm of an elder. Under Illinois law, an elderly person is someone 60 years of age or older.

Why is it important?

We all deserve to lead happy and healthy lives free from abuse as we age, yet older people are mistreated more often than we think.

How big is the issue?

- 1 in 10 Americans have experienced some form of elder abuse
- 1 in 14 cases are reported and even fewer are prosecuted
- Elders who have been abused have a 300% higher risk of death

Statistics courtesy of the National Counsel on Aging

Signs of Elder Abuse



Physical

- Unexplained injuries
- Bruises or Welts
- Cuts or Sores
- Sudden Weight Loss



Psychological

- Unusual changes in behavior or sleep
- Fear or anxiety
- Isolation or withdrawal



Financial

- Changes in a bank account or money management
- Sudden changes in will or other financial documents



Neglect

- Lack of basic hygiene
- Malnutrition & Dehydration
- Lack of medical care

Multiple forms of abuse can occur at once.

Behavioral changes are common when any type of abuse is occurring.

Legal Consequences of Elder Abuse

The Madison County State's Attorney Office is committed to prosecuting crimes against the elderly.

Common Crimes

- Abuse and Criminal Neglect
- Financial Exploitation
- Money Laundering
- Home Repair Fraud
- Aggravated Battery
- Forgery
- Theft
- Aggravated criminal sexual abuse

Certain criminal offenses provide enhanced charges and penalties based upon the age of the victim.

How can I help?

- Learn to recognize elder abuse
- Report elder abuse
- Educate family and friends on how to recognize and report elder abuse