



To report Elder Abuse, call the Department of Human Resources - Adult Protective Services Abuse Hotline at 800-458-7214

Elder Justice and Advocacy

A collaboration among state agencies, private organizations and individuals to empower and protect Alabama's older population.











Join Us. Get Involved. For more information on the Elder Justice and Advocacy Program call: 334-242-5743 or 877-425-2243 (toll-free) elderjustice@adss.alabama.gov



Elder Justice & Advocacy Program

Alabama's Elder Justice and Advocacy Program is operated by the Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) and is authorized under the Administration on Aging (AoA) Title VII Elder Abuse Prevention Program. Through this program, ADSS has the responsibility to empower, protect and advocate on behalf of the state's aging population.

This program provides education and awareness, to seniors, their caregivers, professionals and the general public of the rights of elders, elder abuse prevention and economic security issues.

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In collaboration with the Department of Human Resources and the Attorney General's Office, ADSS established the Alabama Elder Justice Alliance. Its mission is to strengthen partnerships to protect elders and raise awareness of these issues through education, advocacy and outreach.



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Abuse Prevention

Abuse of elders takes many different forms, some involving intimidation or threats, some involving neglect, and others involving financial exploitation. The most common are:

- Physical Abuse (hitting, shoving, giving too much medication, confinement)
- Sexual Abuse (contact with an elder without their consent)
- Emotional Abuse (treating and speaking to an elder that cause emotional pain or distress)
- Neglect or Abandonment (failure to fulfill a caretaking responsibility)
- Financial Exploitation (unauthorized use of an elder's funds or property)
- Healthcare Fraud and Abuse

Reporting Abuse

Reports may be made to the sheriff, chief of police or to any County Department of Human Resources. An Adult Protective Services office is located in each county within the State of Alabama. Reports may also be made by calling the Abuse hotline at 1-800-458-7214.

Elder Rights

Alabama elders have a right to:

- Live in dignity and security.
- Be protected and free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- Receive services they qualify for and are entitled to.
- Be informed about their civil and legal rights.
- Have access to adequate food, clothing, shelter, privacy and health care.
- Make decisions about their own care and quality of life.

Financial Security

Evidence shows that financially 1 in every 3 households (age 60+) is struggling. ADSS funds programs and services that are operated through the local Area Agencies on Aging to assist with these problems.

Contact your local Area Agency on Aging to see if you qualify for FREE programs and services that can help. Call 1-800-AGE-LINE (243-5463).