

Reporting Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

You are considered a mandated reporter and are required to report incidents of maltreatment of a vulnerable adult. A vulnerable adult is anyone 18 years of age or older who receives services from a licensed facility or home care agency, from a person or organization that provides personal care assistance services funded by Medical Assistance or regardless of residence or service received, possesses a physical or mental impairment such as mental illness, developmental disability, dementia, brain injury, chemical dependency or other physical, mental or emotional impairment that severely limits the individual's ability to provide self care without assistance and because of the impairment and need for assistance, the individual has an impaired ability to protect him/herself from maltreatment.

You are required to report any known or suspected incidents of maltreatment, which includes:

Abuse

- Sexual Abuse – any sexual contacts or criminal sexual conduct.
- Physical Abuse – hitting, slapping, kicking, punching, biting or any conduct that could reasonably be expected to produce physical pain or injury.
- Emotional/Mental Abuse – repeated or malicious verbal, written or gestured language toward a vulnerable adult that would be considered derogatory, humiliating, harassing or threatening.

Neglect

- Failure to provide food, shelter, clothing, healthcare supervision of the vulnerable adult.

Financial Exploitation

- With legal authority a person fails to use the vulnerable adult's financial resources for the vulnerable adult and this results in detriment to the vulnerable adult.
- Without legal authority a person willfully withholds, uses or disposes of the vulnerable adults funds by acquiring possession/control of the funds by undue influence, harassment, duress, deception, fraud or forces, compels or entices the vulnerable adult to perform services for the advantage of another.

If you have knowledge of or suspect maltreatment of a vulnerable adult you should report it immediately by contacting the numbers listed below. You will need to report identity information about the vulnerable adult and the alleged perpetrator including name, address, phone number, date of birth and any witness information. You will also need to describe the maltreatment in detail including date, time and location.

Reports should be made to the **Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center at 1-844-880-1574**