

If you are in immediate danger, call 911

To report abuse, neglect or exploitation, call:
Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center
844-880-1574

OTHER RESOURCES:

Minnesota Elder Justice Center

Provides information and resources for victims and families
651-440-9300 or elderjusticemn.org

Alexandra House Aging Services

Provides advocacy services; assists with protective orders
24-hour Help Line: 763-780-2330
763-795-5479 or alexandrahouse.org

Anoka County Community Action Program

Connects residents with local resources
763-783-4707 or accap.org

Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care

Investigates complaints about long-term service providers
651-431-2555 or 800-657-3591

Volunteers of America Center for Excellence in Supported Decision Making

Assists in decision-making and guardianship alternatives
952-945-4174 or 844-333-1748 or voamnwi.org/cesdm

Victim/Witness Services

Anoka County Attorney's Office

Provides services and resources to victims of crime
763-324-5540 or anokacounty.us/victimwitness

UNDERSTANDING

ELDER ABUSE



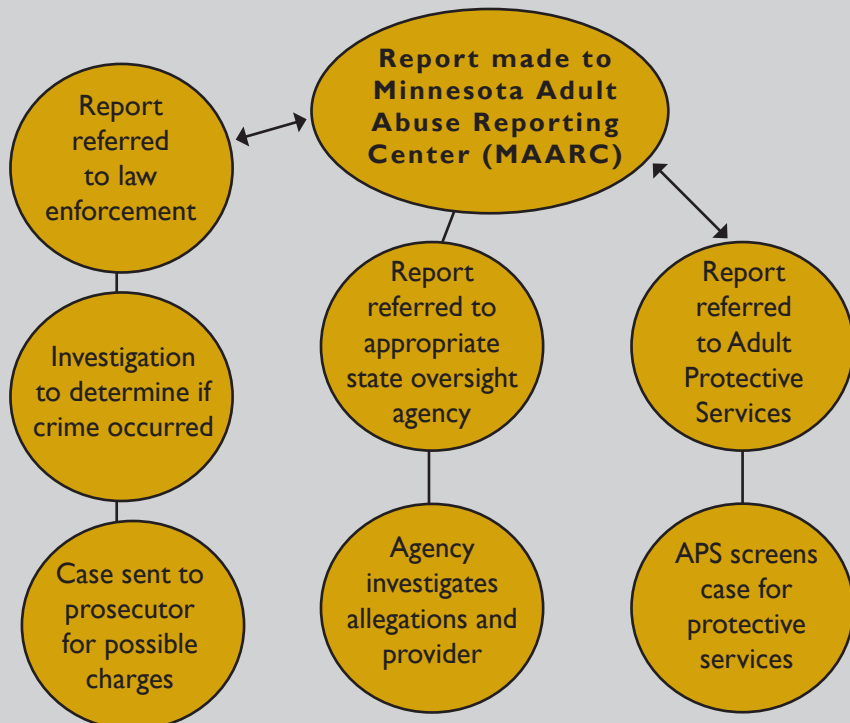
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What is Elder Abuse?

- Elder abuse is the mistreatment, neglect or exploitation of an older adult or vulnerable person.
- The abuse typically occurs at home or at a residential facility, at the hands of a caregiver or family member.
- If someone is hurting you or taking your money, or you suspect someone you know is being harmed, help is available:
 - ~ Developing a safety plan
 - ~ Housing
 - ~ Counseling and support groups
 - ~ Legal assistance

What happens if you make a report?



Family & Friends

- Look for warning signs.
 - ~ Unexplained injuries
 - ~ Sudden change in finances
 - ~ Changes in appetite, hygiene, health
 - ~ Fear or withdrawal
 - ~ Isolation by a caretaker
- Ask questions. Listen.
 - ~ Is anybody taking your money without your permission?
 - ~ Is anyone hurting you?
 - ~ Are you afraid of anyone?
- Report suspected abuse or exploitation.
- Visit regularly; monitor wellbeing; help track important information and appointments.



There are many forms of abuse and maltreatment

- Physical, emotional or sexual
- Neglect or isolation
- Financial exploitation or theft
- Self-neglect