

Anoka County Adult Protection prioritizes reports based on the availability of agency resources and utilizes the following criteria in prioritization:

### **Screened in report of alleged vulnerable adult maltreatment**

A screened in report of alleged maltreatment of a vulnerable adult must include the following three elements:

- The person who has allegedly experienced maltreatment is or is reasonably believed to be a vulnerable adult pursuant to MN Statute § [626.5572](#);
- An allegation that meets the definition of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation per MN Statute § [626.5572](#); and
- Sufficient information to identify and to attempt to locate the adult who is vulnerable.

### **Screened out report of alleged vulnerable adult maltreatment**

A report of alleged maltreatment of a vulnerable adult may be screened out for the following reasons:

- Person alleged to have experienced maltreatment does not meet definition of a vulnerable adult under MN Statute § [626.5572](#);
- Allegation does not meet maltreatment criteria pursuant to MN Statute § [626.5572](#);
- Not enough information to identify or locate the person who is alleged to have experienced maltreatment;
- Duplicate report has already been screened or investigated;
- The person alleged to have experienced maltreatment has a Case Manager or other formal services in place to address maltreatment;
- The person alleged to have experienced maltreatment is deceased or no longer in the state of Minnesota;
- No benefit to the person alleged to have experienced maltreatment from Adult Protective Services intervention or investigation; or
- Another county or Lead Investigative Agency (LIA) has screened or investigated same allegation.

### **Additional factors to be considered in screening decisions**

The following factors will also be considered in the screening and prioritization of Adult Protection response:

- Has there been harm or detriment to the individual subject to the report, such as but not limited to:
  - Loss of housing
  - No heat/water/electricity
  - Injury or severe emotional distress
  - Loss of money/benefits/property
- Is there indication that the person subject to the report cannot meet their basic needs?
- Are there formal or informal supports in place to assist the person subject to the report?
- Can Adult Protection make a difference through an assessment of maltreatment and/or protective services?

## **Reports of alleged vulnerable adult maltreatment referred to other agencies**

A report of alleged maltreatment of a vulnerable adult may be referred to another Lead Investigative Agency for the following reasons:

- Person alleged responsible for maltreatment is providing services licensed by Mn Department of Human Services or the Mn Department of Health;
- Person alleged to have experienced maltreatment is not living in Anoka County at time of report; or
- An agreement is reached between counties that the person alleged to have experienced maltreatment would be best served in the other county.

## **Reports requesting Emergency Protective Services**

Emergency Protective Services (EPS) reports are received 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are screened by a social worker. If the social worker determines imminent harm is likely to occur, a response will be initiated as soon as possible, but no longer than 24 hours from the receipt of initial information about the incident. County social services staff are responsible for responding to EPS reports Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00am-4:30pm. On weekends and holidays, contracted after-hours staff are responsible for screening EPS reports and notifying emergency personnel as appropriate.

Note: All reports indicating a possible crime must be cross reported to law enforcement by the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC).