



Law Enforcement Elder Justice Resource Guide



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Here's How We Can Help

It is often the case that having the right training or tools can make all the difference between successfully identifying and prosecuting a crime or not. That is why the Department of Justice has prioritized making sure that local, state and federal law enforcement officers have the training, tools, and resources necessary to effectively respond to elder abuse, neglect, financial fraud and exploitation. This Law Enforcement Elder Justice Resource Guide is a compilation of all those resources and we hope a meaningful contribution to our collective effort to promote justice for older Americans.

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DOJ Elder Justice Websites

ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE (EJI) LAW ENFORCEMENT WEBPAGE

Designed for law enforcement, this webpage provides information and training to more effectively respond to crimes against older adults.



EJI Law Enforcement Webpage

COPS OFFICE ELDER JUSTICE TRAINING PORTAL

This training portal provides training, articles, guides, publications, and reports, podcasts, toolkits, and other websites and resources.



COPS Office Elder Justice Webpage

Tools

EAGLE (ELDER ABUSE GUIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT)

Web module for law enforcement to better respond to elder abuse cases, including investigative checklists, quickly locate local resources, and engage in training activities.



Visit **EAGLE**



Get the **EAGLE Flyer**



Sign up for the **EAGLE Newsletter**



SAFTA (SENIOR ABUSE FINANCIAL TRACKING AND ACCOUNTING) TOOL

SAFTA is an easy-to-use tool that provides a simplified method for identifying suspicious financial patterns to facilitate the prosecution of financial exploitation of older adults.



Visit [SAFTA](#)



Get the [SAFTA Flyer](#)



Watch the [SAFTA Training Video](#)



Request Live Training

NW3C FINANCIAL CRIMES AGAINST SENIORS SEMINARS

The National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) can provide in-person training on financial crimes against seniors in your community. 1-Day and 2-day class available.

Topics include recognizing elder abuse, working with victims, identifying perpetrators, and resources for investigation and community awareness. Students work together to conduct a mock investigation into a hypothetical case.



Request NW3C Training

SAFE (SAFE ACCESSIBLE FORENSIC INTERVIEWING FOR ELDERS)

Victim-centered forensic interviewing protocol for use with older adults grounded in forensic interviewing best practices.



Arrange to offer SAFE Training

NW3C RESPONDING TO TRANSNATIONAL ELDER FRAUD: A VICTIM-CENTERED APPROACH FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT (1-DAY CLASS)

This course offers background information on transnational fraud and tips for identifying and interviewing older victims through a trauma-informed lens when the perpetrator is not in the US. It highlights resources that should be provided to victims, along with resources for law enforcement, including agencies that can offer multidisciplinary support to investigations. IADLEST Certified for 1 hour of POST credit in **36 states**.



Find available dates and register for Responding to Transnational Elder Fraud Class

NCEA EAGLE TRAINING

Communities can apply to receive EAGLE Training for law enforcement and other elder justice professionals (in person or virtually) from the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA).



Apply for EAGLE Training

On-Demand Training

NW3C EAGLE ONLINE ELDER ABUSE TRAINING

EAGLE Online Elder Abuse Training, offered through the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), is mobile-friendly training certified by the IADLEST National Certification Program™ for one hour of POST credit in [36 states](#).



EAGLE Online Training

APPROACHING ALZHEIMER'S FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING

Approaching Alzheimer's: First Responder Training program is a free, online training that features high-quality content in an interactive format, developed by the Alzheimer's Association with input from first responders.



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NW3C Responding to Transnational Elder Fraud Training

COPS OFFICE ELDER JUSTICE PODCASTS

Three 5-minute **podcasts** on the role of law enforcement in elder abuse cases, collecting evidence in physical, sexual and neglect cases, and recognizing that financial exploitation is a crime.



The Role of Law Enforcement in Recognizing and Responding to Elder Abuse



Collecting Evidence in Elder Abuse and Neglect Cases



Financial Exploitation & Scams Are a Crime: Correcting Misperceptions and Collecting Evidence

The Beat: A COPS Office Podcast



You Are Not Alone: A Law Enforcement Approach to Monitoring the Needs of Vulnerable Citizens

ELDER ABUSE ROLL CALL VIDEOS

A series of six roll call videos designed for patrol officers to quickly recognize and respond to various types of elder abuse (financial exploitation, neglect, physical abuse, and false imprisonment).



Watch Elder Abuse Roll Call Videos



INTERVIEWER TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (NCEA)

7-minute video featuring law enforcement officers and experts providing best practices for interviewing older adults.



Interviewer Training for Law Enforcement Officers Video

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEBINARS

The Elder Justice Initiative hosts an ongoing series of webinars, many of which are specifically designed for law enforcement working in the elder abuse arena.



Law Enforcement Webinars

RESPONDING TO ELDER ABUSE: WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD KNOW

A 15-minute video describing what law enforcement needs to know about elder abuse.



Responding to Elder Abuse: What Law Enforcement Should Know Video

NW3C VICTIM-CENTERED SOLUTIONS TO ELDER EXPLOITATION

Offered by the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), this online course is a series of ten victim centered, interactive web-based training modules covering trauma-informed promising practices for detecting and responding to elder financial exploitation.



Victim-Centered Solutions to Elder Exploitation Online Course

ELDER ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER INVESTIGATORS

This series of 23 short e-learning modules (developed by NCALL) offer law enforcement officers, investigators, and other first responders an opportunity to access training on elder abuse at any time, from anywhere, covering a range of relevant topics.



Elder Abuse Investigations Training for Law Enforcement and Other Investigators

Collaborations

WORKING WITH ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Flyer for law enforcement explaining adult protective services (APS) and how working collaboratively with APS benefits law enforcement.



Working with APS Flyer

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES: YOUR PARTNER IN COMBATting ELDER ABUSE

Flyer for law enforcement explaining some differences between adult protective services (APS) and law enforcement designed to facilitate a good working relationship.



APS Partner Flyer

LAW ENFORCEMENT: BUILDING STRONGER CASES WITH ELDER ABUSE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS

Flyer for law enforcement explaining how working with adult protective services (APS) through a multidisciplinary team (MDT) can assist in criminal investigations.



Law Enforcement: Working with MDTs Flyer

STATE AND FEDERAL COLLABORATIONS



Federal-State Working Group: Fraud Against Older Oregonians



Tackling Transnational Robocall Scams: The Importance of State and Federal Partnerships



Peer Support and Technical Assistance

NATIONAL ELDER & DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE (NEDAA) COMMUNITY

NEDAA Community is a secure online forum where prosecutors and investigators from across the country can learn from one another and collaborate on issues involving elder abuse prosecution.



To join, email: **lbell@cdaa.org**

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) PEER SUPPORT COMMUNITY

Join the MDT Peer Support Community for elder justice MDT members to communicate with and learn from one another.



To join, email:

Talitha.J.Guinn-Shaver@usdoj.gov

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (MDT TAC)

The MDT TAC provides tools, resource materials, and individualized consultations to facilitate the expansion of elder abuse case review MDTs across the nation.



MDT TAC



NETWORK LOCATOR MAP

The Network Locator Map is designed to enable elder justice professionals to locate and collaborate with elder justice networks/teams across the nation.



Network Locator Map



Educational Materials

LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO ELDER ABUSE: A POCKET GUIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

A comprehensive guide for law enforcement responding to elder abuse, including a list of alternative charges and explanations for aspects of elder abuse such as powers of attorney and other legal terms.



Legal Issues Pocket Guide

FINANCIAL CRIMES AGAINST THE ELDERLY PROBLEM-ORIENTED GUIDE FOR POLICE

A comprehensive 88-page guide for law enforcement addressing the problem of financial crimes against the elderly (2003).



Financial Crimes Guide

PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL ABUSE OF THE ELDERLY PROBLEM-ORIENTED GUIDE FOR POLICE

A 64-page guide for law enforcement on responding to physical and emotional abuse of the elderly (2010).



Physical and Emotional Abuse Guide

RURAL AND TRIBAL ELDER JUSTICE RESOURCE GUIDE

This guide presents resources for professionals, including law enforcement (pp. 22-23), as well as resources for community outreach.



Rural and Tribal Resource Guide

ELDER JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

Learn about access to justice issues in elder abuse cases involving possible diminished decision-making capacity.



Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium



COPS Office Dispatch Article

ADRD AND ELDER ABUSE

Learn about issues related to elder abuse when victims are persons living with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD).



Safe Return: Alzheimer's Disease Guide for Law Enforcement (Alzheimer's Association)



A Booming Problem: Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Elder Abuse (COPS Office)



Communicating with Someone with Dementia (Alzheimer's Association)



Resources to Share with the Community

EJI OUTREACH

Find downloadable community presentations, elder abuse flyers and ways older adults can get involved in community activities to prevent elder abuse and financial exploitation.



EJI Outreach Webpage

EJI OUTREACH IN SPANISH

Find information about types of elder abuse, how to avoid financial exploitation, and downloadable elder abuse flyers.



EJI Outreach Webpage in Spanish



NEIGHBORHOOD MAP

The Neighborhood Map is a resource locator that can help you identify state level services and resources available to elder abuse victims and their families.



Neighborhood Map



NATIONAL ELDER FRAUD HOTLINE

1-833-FRAUD-11

1-833-372-8311

NATIONAL ELDER FRAUD HOTLINE

The National Elder Fraud Hotline has specially trained hotline operators to assist older victims of financial fraud and other forms of elder abuse.



National Elder Fraud Hotline Webpage

IC3 PSA FOR OLDER ADULTS

Share with your community this PSA encouraging the public to file reports of elder financial fraud through the IC3 electronic reporting system.



Watch PSA

TRIADS

A Triad is a partnership of three organizations—law enforcement, older adults, and community groups - educating the public by sponsoring crime prevention and public education for older adults.



National Association of Triads

You're **fighting elder abuse**
on the front lines.
We've got your back.