# Responding to Elder Abuse in Alabama

What are the Warning Signs of Elder Abuse? What are the Types of Elder Abuse? What is Adult Protective Services (APS)? Who Can Receive APS Services? What is Mandated Reporting and Who is Required to Report?

1-800-458-7214

(toll free)

### How Can I Report Suspicion of Elder Abuse in Alabama?

To **report** suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation in Alabama, call the local **county DHR office** or the Adult Abuse Hotline at:

Reporters are asked to complete a **form** requesting the contact information for the alleged victim and their conditions, contact information for the alleged abuser, description of the abusive situation, and the reporter's contact information. *Please report even if you do not know all the answers or have proof of abuse*. **Learn what happens next**.



### State by State Services Locator

Find elder abuse services in your state

#### Submit a Complaint through the Sentinel Database

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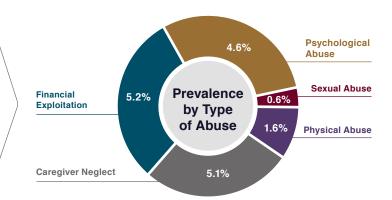
The Sentinel Database is a voluntary reporting system that helps the federal government detect patterns of consumer financial fraud throughout the United States.

## Build Strong Support for Older Americans by Learning More about Elder Abuse



### **Elder Abuse**

Is an intentional act or failure to act by a caregiver or another person in a relationship involving an expectation of trust that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult. It is a term under which five types of abuse are reflected.



### **Prevalence of Elder Abuse**

At least 10% of adults age 60 and older will experience some form of elder abuse in a given year, with some older adults simultaneously experiencing more than one type of abuse.



### The Consequences of Elder Abuse

The trauma of elder abuse may result in health issues like deterioration in health, hospitalization and increased mortality, clinical issues like depression and suicide, social issues like disrupted relationships, and financial loss, all leading to diminished independence and quality of life.

