

Be A GUARDIAN FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Report Allegations of Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation

Concerned members of the community are urged to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation. With your help, vulnerable adults can be protected and receive services. If you are a mandated reporter, you should be aware of your duty to report and to make a direct report to the appropriate authority. Mandatory reporters are listed in Section 43-35-25 of the Omnibus Adult Protection Act. Failure to report may result in criminal charges.

At Home

If the person you are concerned about lives in their own home or in a relative's home in the community, report immediately to your *county Department of Social Services Adult Protective Services* or to *county law enforcement* as appropriate.

Nursing Home/ Community Facility

If the person you are concerned about is a resident of a nursing home, assisted living or community residential care facility, or psychiatric hospital, report immediately to the *State or Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman Program*.

Residential Program

If the person you are concerned about is in any residential program operated by or contracted for operation by the SC Department of Mental Health or the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, regardless of location, report immediately to: *SLED - Special Victims Unit, toll-free at 866-200-6066.*

Other Cases of Abuse

If suspected abuse occurs in any setting other than those described above, report immediately to your *county Department of Social Services Adult Protective Services.*

Vulnerable Adult

A person eighteen years of age or older who has a physical or mental condition which substantially impairs the person from adequately providing for his or her own care or protection. This includes a person who is impaired in the ability to adequately provide for the person's own care or protection because of the infirmities of aging including, but not limited to, organic brain damage, advanced age, and physical, mental, or emotional dysfunction. A resident of a facility is a vulnerable adult.

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Please see the back of this sheet for relevant agency phone numbers.

This information is provided as a public service by the SC Adult Protection Coordinating Council in collaboration with AARP and the SC Department of Consumer Affairs.

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County Adult Protective Services Intake Telephone Numbers

Abbeville(864) 366-5481	Dillon(843)774-8284	Lexington(803)785-7333
Aiken(803) 649-1111	Dorchester(843) 821-0444	McCormick(864) 465-2140 Ext 325
Allendale(803)584-7048	Edgefield(803) 637-4040 Ext 0	Marion(843) 423-4623
Anderson(864) 260-4100	Fairfield(803) 635-5502	Marlboro(843) 479-7181
Bamberg(803) 245-4363	Florence(843) 669-3354	Newberry(803) 321-2155
Barnwell(803) 541-1200	Georgetown(843) 546-5134	Oconee(864) 638-4400
Beaufort(843) 255-6143	Greenville(864) 467-7750	Orangeburg(803) 531- 3101
Berkeley(843) 761-8044	Greenwood ... (864)229 5258 Ext146	Pickens(864) 898-5810
Calhoun(803) 874-3384	Hampton(803) 943-3641	Richland(803)714-7444
Charleston(843) 953-9400	Horry(843) 366-1600	Saluda(864) 445-2139
Cherokee(864) 487-2704	Jasper(843) 726-7747	Spartanburg(864) 596-3001
Chester (803) 377-8131	Kershaw(803) 432-7676	Sumter(803) 773-2273
Chesterfield(843) 623-2147	Lancaster(803) 286-6914	Union(864) 429-1660
Clarendon(843) 435-4303	Laurens(864) 547-8079	Williamsburg(843) 355-5411
Colleton(843) 584-4042	Lee(803) 484-5376	York(803) 775-2273
Darlington(843) 332-2231		

Regional Offices: Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

REGION I - APPALACHIA AAA

Phone: 864-242-9733 Fax: 864-242-6957

Serves: Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg

REGION II - UPPER SAVANNAH AAA

Phone: 1-800-922-7729/864-941-8070

Fax: 864-941-8090

Serves: Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda

REGION III - CATAWBA AAA

Phone: 1-800-662-8330/803-329-9670

Fax: 803-329-6537

Serves: Chester, Lancaster, York, and Union Counties

REGION IV - CENTRAL MIDLANDS AAA

Phone: 1-800-391-1185/803-376-5389

Fax: 803-253-7542

Serves: Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, and Richland

REGION V - LOWER SAVANNAH AAA

Phone: 803-649-7981 Fax: 803-335-1013

Serves: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, and Orangeburg

REGION VI - SANTEE LYNCHES AAA

Phone: 1-800-948-1042/ 803-775-7381

Fax: 803-773-9903

Serves: Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, and Sumter

REGION VII - PEE DEE AAA

Phone: 843-383-8632 ext. 106

Fax 843-383-8754

Serves: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, and Marlboro

REGION VIII - WACCAMAW AAA

Phone: 843-546-8502 Fax: 843-436-6250

Serves: Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg

REGION IX - TRIDENT AAA

Phone: 1-800-864-6446/ 843-2280-2281

Fax: 843-554-2284

Serves: Berkley, Charleston, and Dorchester

REGION X - LOW COUNTRY AAA

Phone: 877-846-8148/843-473-3955

Fax: 843-726-5165

Serves: Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper