Responding to Elder Abuse in South Dakota

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?

How Can I Report Suspicion of Elder Abuse in South Dakota?

To report suspected adult abuse, neglect or exploitation in South Dakota, please contact your local law enforcement agency, your local state's attorney's office, or the nearest **Department of Human Services office**.

Please report even if you do not know all the answers or have proof of abuse.

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.

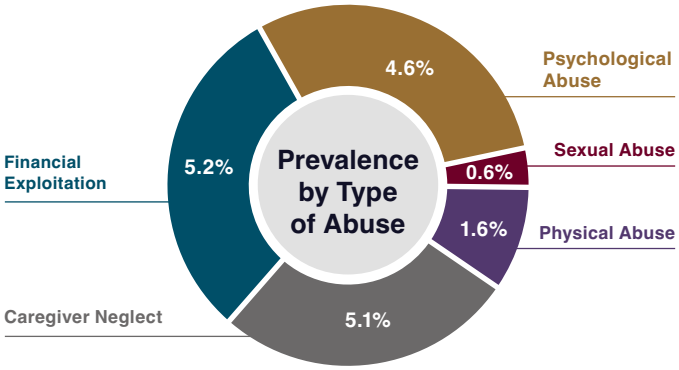
Build Strong Support for Older Americans by Learning More about Elder Abuse

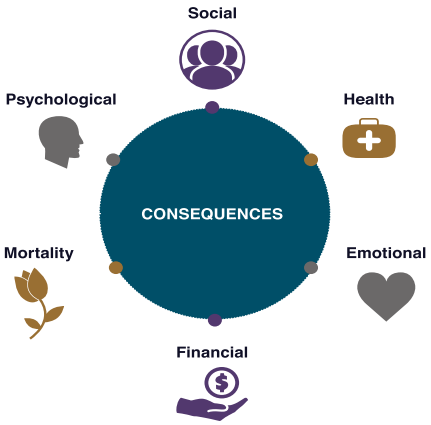
Elder Abuse

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.

Explore the resources and information on elder abuse at **www.elderjustice.gov**

Find federal and state resources as well as community outreach materials in the **Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Resource Guide**

Learn about financial scams at the **Federal Trade Commission (FTC) - Scams**

Discover facts about elder abuse at the **National Center on Elder Abuse**

Locate training options at the **USC Training Resources on Elder Abuse**

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