

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Elder Justice INITIATIVE

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



Federal, state and local law enforcement officers play a unique and critical role in our response to the crimes of elder abuse and financial exploitation. **The Department of Justice provides resources to help law enforcement officers in many divisions respond effectively to cases involving elder abuse.**



# Here's How We Can Help

## National Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Community

The National Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Community is an online forum hosted by the California District Attorneys Association (CDA) on its Sidebars platform, where prosecutors and investigators from across the country can come together and collaborate on issues involving elder abuse prosecution. Community membership includes: Online Discussions, Resource Library, Announcements, and Responsive Format. To join the community email: [emartinelli@cdaa.org](mailto:emartinelli@cdaa.org)

### Tools



#### **EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement)**

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

#### **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 financial exploitation prosecution.

### Training



#### **Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse: An Officer's Role**

Series of six roll call videos designed for patrol officers to quickly recognize and respond to various types of elder abuse.

#### **EJI Law Enforcement Webinars**

The Elder Justice Initiative (EJI) has a series of elder abuse webinars specifically for law enforcement.

#### **COPS Office 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.

#### **Responding to Elder Abuse: What Law Enforcement Should Know**

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

#### **NW3C EAGLE Online Training**

Free, one-hour online elder abuse training for law enforcement officers. Take the Certificate of Completion to your certification office to request continuing education credits.

### Seminars



#### **NW3C Financial Crimes Against Seniors Seminars**

Seminars are scheduled across the country. Additional trainings may be available upon request.

### Guides



#### **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 legal terms law enforcement needs to know.

#### **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.

### Websites and Resources



#### **Elder Justice Website- Law Enforcement Page**

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

#### **Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Resource Guide**

This guide presents resources for law enforcement (pp. 22-23), as well as resources for community outreach (pp. 30-38).

#### **Read Elder Abuse Stories**

EJI has compiled a list of elder abuse stories that describe various forms of elder abuse.



For more information on the resources, please email [elder.justice@usdoj.gov](mailto:elder.justice@usdoj.gov)