

SAFTA

(Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting) Toolkit

Guided by the adage “**A picture is worth a 1000 words**”, the Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting (SAFTA) tool provides law enforcement with a simplified forensic instrument for illuminating suspicious financial patterns and facilitating the prosecution of suspected elder financial exploitation.

Developed by a forensic accountant, the SAFTA tool is an Excel macro-enabled worksheet into which financial records are entered and pivot tables and graphs are automatically created to provide a visual depiction of financial data. The tool is downloaded onto the user’s computer to ensure a secure working environment.

SAFTA is not intended to turn law enforcement officers into forensic accountants. Rather, it is designed to enable law enforcement officers to gather financial records and convert those records into forensically relevant visual depictions of the financial records. SAFTA works best on cases of low to moderate complexity.

The SAFTA toolkit includes:

- the **SAFTA tool**, a downloadable Excel workbook with a user-friendly overlay for entering financial records within a secure environment
- the **SAFTA guide**, providing tips on investigating elder financial exploitation, step-by-step instructions for using the tool, and how to access help from forensic accountants and other experts for more complex cases
- an 18 minute digital (Vimeo) **tutorial**, demonstrating how to use the SAFTA tool
- two **subpoena templates**, facilitating access to and acquiring financial records
- free **technical assistance**, ensuring SAFTA users have a positive experience



Download the no-cost SAFTA toolkit at: <https://www.theiacp.org/elder-abuse>

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