

## **AT-RISK ADULT ABUSE** Indicators

**Physical:** Injuries in various stages of healing, improbable explanation for injuries, bruises, black eyes, lacerations, cuts, untreated injuries, fractures, delayed medical treatment, bite marks, open wounds, ligature/restraint marks

**Neglect:** Dehydration, malnutrition, untreated health conditions, lack of food, water, shelter, hygiene, medical care (essential services), inappropriate clothing, inadequate heating/cooling, bed sores, unsafe environment, being left alone for long periods of time, locks on interior doors, infestations (insects/rodents), fecal/urine-stained clothing and bedding, inadequate facilities (stove, refrigerator, working plumbing, electricity), hoarding

(Note: Self-neglect is not a crime, but should still be reported to Adult Protective Services)

**Sexual:** Bruises on breasts, mouth, genital and anal areas, torn/bloody clothing, difficulty walking/sitting, sexually transmitted disease, change in behavior, PTSD, adverse reaction to touch

**Financial:** Sudden change in banking behavior, new names on signature cards, unauthorized withdrawals, abrupt changes in will, disappearance of funds and/or possessions, unpaid bills (when funds are available), forged signatures, caregiver failing to provide for person's needs, signature on documents when unable to comprehend the transaction, "voluntarily" giving inappropriate financial reimbursement for needed care and companionship

**Physiological/Emotional:** Isolation, depression, fear of a caregiver, uncooperative caregiver, agitation, withdrawal

law.ga.gov/medical-fraud-control-unit

**404.656.5400**

**Medical Fraud Control Unit**

dch.ga.com

**800.878.6442**

**Healthcare Facility Regulation**  
Mandated reporters must report abuse in licensed facilities. Always report to local law enforcement.

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**866.552.4464**

**Adult Protective Services**  
Mandated reporters must report abuse in the community setting. Always report to local law enforcement.

Reporting

## **AT-RISK ADULT ABUSE**

**Department of Human Services** Division of Aging Services

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## **AT-RISK ADULT** Resources

### **Division of Aging Services**

Locate services and resources throughout Georgia

**866.552.4464**

aging.ga.gov

### **Aging & Disability Resource Connection**

Web-based guide of partnering organizations

georgiaADRC.com

### **Long-Term Care Ombudsman**

Advocates for long-term care facility residents

**888.454.5826**

georgiaombudsman.org

### **Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities**

**888.785.6954**

dbhdd.ga.gov

*If you suspect a crime, dial 911*