

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.

aging.ga.gov

866.552.4464

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

Reporting

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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

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Aging & Disability Resource Connection

Web-based guide of partnering organizations

aging.georgia.gov/adrc

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