WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse is the mistreatment or neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult. Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse victims include adults 65 years of age and over and dependent adults 18 to 64 years of age who are physically, developmentally, or emotionally disabled.

Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse may include:

**Neglect**
Abandonment
Deprivation of basic needs: water, food, housing, clothing, or medical care

**Self-Neglect**
Unable or unwilling to care for self
Unable or unwilling to provide for self

**Physical Abuse**
Hitting
Pushing
Causing unnecessary pain
Intentional misuse of medication
Causing Injury
Unauthorized restraint

**Sexual Abuse**
Inappropriate exposure
Inappropriate sexual advances
Inappropriate sexual contact
Sexual exploitation
Rape

**Emotional or Verbal Abuse**
Humiliation
Threats of harm or abandonment
Isolation
Non-Communication
Intimidation

**Financial Abuse**
Undue influence to change legal documents
Misuse of property
Theft or embezzlement