



## 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