

Abuse Prevention: What to Look For and Who to Call?

Abuse can take many forms



Physical Abuse

- Hitting, pushing, kicking, slapping
- Inappropriate use of restraints



Sexual Abuse

- Being forced into sexual activity or touched inappropriately



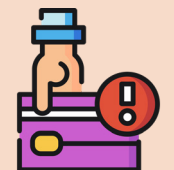
Neglect

- Not providing adequate care, food, or clothing
- Not getting medical care or medications



Emotional or Psychological Abuse

- Insults, threats, humiliation, bullying, or isolation



Financial Exploitation

- Stealing or misusing an individual's money or assets

Who should you report suspected abuse to?



- Licensing Agency, Adult Protective Service, and the Ombudsman (for individuals living in a licensed home)
- Adult Protective Services (for adults and the elderly)
- Child Protective Services (for children)
- Local law enforcement
- Regional center service coordinator

Someone you trust:

If you aren't sure something should be reported, report it anyway as a mandated reporter this is your responsibility.