

GEORGIA AT-RISK ADULT ABUSE – INDICATORS

Physical: Victim's self-report, injuries in various stages of healing, improbable explanation, bruises, black eyes, lacerations, cuts, untreated injuries, fractures, delayed medical treatment, bite marks, open wounds, ligature/restraint marks.

Neglect: Victim's self-report, 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 or rodents), fecal/urine-stained clothing and bedding, inadequate facilities (stove, refrigerator, working plumbing, electricity), hoarding.

Sexual: Victim's self-report, bruises of breasts, mouth, genital and anal areas, torn/bloody clothing, difficulty walking/sitting, sexually transmitted disease, change in behavior, PTSD.

Financial: Victim's self-report, 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.

Psychological: Victim's self-report, isolation, depression, fear of caregiver, uncooperative caregiver, agitation, withdrawal.

GEORGIA AT-RISK ADULT ABUSE – REPORTING

Adult Protective Services:

(Mandated reporters must report abuse in the community setting)

1.866.552.4464

www.aging.dhr.georgia.gov

Follow links

Healthcare Facility Regulation:

(Mandated reporters must report abuse in licensed facilities)

1.800.878.6442

www.dcn.georgia.gov

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Medicaid Fraud Control Unit:

1.800.508.9109

Medicare Fraud(OIG/HHS):

1.800.447.8477

<http://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/hotline>

Food Stamp Fraud (OIG/USDA):

1.800.424.9121

Social Security Fraud (OIG/SSA):

1.800.269.0271

Governor's Office of Consumer Protection:

1.800.869.1123



Georgia Department of Human Services
Division of Aging Services

**IF YOU SUSPECT
A CRIME, DIAL 911**

AT-RISK ADULT ABUSE – RESOURCES

Division of Aging Services:

1.866.552.4464

(Locate services and resources throughout state)

www.aging.dhr.georgia.gov

Aging and Disability Resource Connection:

www.georgiaadrc.com

(Web-based resource guide of partnering organizations)

State Long-Term Care Ombudsman: 1.888.552.5826

(Advocates for residents in long-term care facilities)

www.georgiaombudsman.org

**Department of Behavioral Health
and Developmental Disabilities**

1.888.785.6954

www.dbhdd.georgia.gov