

OAKLAND COUNTY SENIOR RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Elder Abuse and Neglect

Adult Protective Services

The goal of the Adult Protective Services Program is to assist those persons 18 years or older who have been abused, neglected, or exploited and who are vulnerable and unable to take the necessary steps to correct their situation. A vulnerable adult is someone who because of physical or mental incapacity lacks the abilities required to manage their own property or affairs.

Physical Abuse

Is harm to an adult's health or welfare caused by another person. An example of abuse is: An older woman resides in the home of her son and is being beaten by him.

Psychological Abuse

Is threatened harm in which a person is manipulated, humiliated or otherwise made to feel distress. An older man is told that if he does not stay in his room he will be tied to the chair.

Neglect

Is harm caused when an adult is unable to make safe decisions to care for themselves (self-neglect) or when a caregiver who is responsible for the care of another adult does not provide adequate care or protection. An example of neglect is: A physically disabled man is left in front of the TV all day without a meal or access to toilet facilities.

Exploitation

Is the misuse of an adult's funds, property, or personal dignity by another person. An example of exploitation is: An elderly woman's son is using her money for his own needs without her knowledge or approval.

Adult Protective Services :

All Adult and Children's Protective Services abuse and neglect complaints should be called into the State of Michigan's Centralized Intake line. Reports are confidential and the callers name is not shared with the alleged victim.

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