

WARNING SIGNS

Warning signs to watch for in situations include unexplained injuries, sudden changes in behavior, poor hygiene, lack of needed medical care, unpaid bills, or missing money or belongings.

Signs to watch for in others may include fearfulness, withdrawal from social activities, confusion, depression, or a caregiver who is overly controlling, speaks for the elder, or limits access to friends and family.

Recognizing these signs and reporting concerns early can help protect Alaska's elders and connect them with the support and resources they deserve.

Elder abuse in Alaska is far from rare. In just one year, more than 8,100 reports of harm were made against Alaskans age 60 and older—meaning *every single day*, elders across our state are being hurt, neglected, or exploited behind closed doors. Many cases are never investigated, and countless others are never reported at all.

For Eldercare services, supports, education, employment, and more visit the SREC resource website, AKA the Navi Tool at www.jedc.org/SREC/

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WHERE TO TURN!

**END ELDER
ABUSE,
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In Alaska, harm to older adults can take several forms, including abuse, self-neglect, and exploitation.

Abuse occurs when a caregiver, family member, or trusted individual intentionally causes physical harm, emotional distress, sexual harm, or neglect, often through actions such as hitting, intimidation, isolation, or withholding basic care.

Self-neglect happens when an elder is unable—or unwilling—to meet their own essential needs, such as food, shelter, medical care, or personal hygiene, placing their health or safety at serious risk even when no other person is directly harming them.

Exploitation involves the improper or illegal use of an elder's money, property, or resources, such as theft, fraud, pressure to sign documents, or misuse of benefits.

Understanding these definitions helps communities recognize warning signs, intervene early, and ensure Alaska's elders are treated with dignity, safety, and respect.

If you are concerned about someone being abused Say something File a Report

SOA Adult Protective Services (APS)

Investigates reports of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation of vulnerable adults and connects individuals to protective and supportive services statewide.

Reporting / Intake: 1-800-478-9996

SOA Office of Public Advocacy Elder Fraud

Investigates and provides civil legal advocacy for Alaskans age 60+ who have experienced financial exploitation; works closely with APS and law enforcement. **Phone:** (907) 269-3500

SOA Long-Term Care Ombudsman's Office

Advocates for the rights, health, safety, and welfare of seniors living in long-term care and assisted-living settings and assists with care-related complaints. **Phone:** 1-800-730-6393 | (907) 334-4480

Catholic Community Services: Gatekeeper Program

Uses a community "gatekeeper" model to identify isolated or at-risk seniors and connect them to needed social, health, and support services across Southeast Alaska. **Phone:** (907) 463-6100

SOA Violence Crimes Compensation Board

Provides limited financial assistance to victims of violent crime to help cover crime-related expenses not reimbursed by other sources. **Phone:** (907) 465-3040 | (800) 764-3040

SOA State Troopers Dispatch

Provides statewide law enforcement response and investigation services; dispatch handles emergencies and non-emergency calls. **Statewide Dispatch:** (907) 465-4000

Federal Bureau of Investigations

Investigates federal crimes, elder fraud, financial crimes, human trafficking, and threats to public safety; accepts tips and public reports statewide. **Phone (Anchorage Field Office):** (907) 276-4441

U.S. Postal Inspection Service

Investigates mail-related crimes including fraud, identity theft, and mail theft; accepts reports nationwide. **Crime Reporting:** 1-877-876-2455
Online Reporting: <https://www.uspis.gov/report>

Say Something . File a Report . Help End Elder Abuse in Alaska