



PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT
ELDER ABUSE

Call 911 if you, or someone you know, is in immediate physical danger.

Protective Services for the Elderly in Connecticut, **1-888-385-4225**.

After hour's emergencies, in-state call Infoline 2-1-1.

Out of state callers, please call Infoline at 1-800-203-1234.

In Connecticut, the primary responsibility for investigating and dealing with the issues of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation resides with the [Department of Social Services, Protective Services for the Elderly Program](#).

No one has to handle crisis situations without the benefit of community resources. Protective services are provided to those in need regardless of income or assets. In addition to Protective Services for the Elderly, many municipalities have social services for senior adults.

The most common types of Elder Abuse to adults 60 and over are outlined below:

- Physical Abuse – the non-accidental infliction of physical pain, injury or impairment against an older adult. May include hitting, slapping, shoving, restraints, confinement or use of drugs to cause harm.
- Emotional Abuse – may include verbal intimidation through yelling or threatening, humiliation, ridicule, blaming or scapegoating. Non-verbal abuse can include ignoring the elder, isolation, inducing fear.
- Sexual Abuse – physical contact with an elderly person without their consent. Such contact can include physical sexual acts, showing the elder pornographic material, forcing the elder to watch sexual acts or forcing the elder to undress.
- Neglect – failure to fulfill a caretaking obligation, can be intentional or unintentional. Neglect can include lack of medical care, dehydration, malnutrition.
- Financial Exploitation – the unauthorized or coerced use of an elderly person's funds or property by another individual.



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ADDITIONAL CT ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION RESOURCES

Emergency Shelter

The Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at the [Jewish Senior Services](#) for the Elderly offers a wide range of services on elder abuse and elder abuse prevention. A call provides prompt access to their crisis “Shelter Without Walls” providing confidential, emergency, short-term housing and support services for victims. Working collaboratively with partners, The Center for Elder Abuse Prevention can provide access to non-medical home care, adult day services, geriatric assessments and care management services to those individuals who qualify.

Jewish Senior Services
4200 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604
Helpline 203-396-1097 Office 203-364-8251

[Area Agencies on Aging](#): (1-800-994-9422) can provide information on resources to those who are concerned about the welfare of a senior adult.