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Help Protect our County's Older Citizens

Look out for these and other signs, and report suspected elder abuse to Adult Protective Services at 225-4906.

Signs of Abuse and Neglect

- Lacerations, bruises, black eyes, welts, rope marks
- Elder reports being hit, kicked, raped, mistreated
- Sudden change in behavior – withdrawn, emotionally upset, agitated
- Caregiver won't let visitors see an elder alone
- Torn or stained underclothing
- Dehydration, malnutrition
- Untreated bed sores or poor hygiene
- Unsafe living conditions (no heat, no running water, improper wiring, extreme clutter, trash piling up)
- Bills unpaid despite adequate resources
- Improper or inadequate clothing
- Lack of medical aides (hearing aides, eyeglasses, dentures, walker, etc.)

Signs of Financial Exploitation

- Changes in banking practices, large withdrawals when someone accompanies elder
- Abrupt changes in will, other legal or financial documents
- Unexplained disappearance of valuable resources or possessions
- Sudden transfer of assets, discovery of elder's forged signature