

# Reporting Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults with Disabilities: What Health Care Teams Need to Know

In Ohio, medical professionals are mandated to report suspected elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation (Section 5101.63 of Ohio Revised Code).

## Ways to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation

- If the person is in immediate danger, call local law enforcement.
- If the person is 60 years or over and living in the community,
  - » Adult Protective Services (APS): 1-855-OHIO-APS
  - » Ohio Adult Protective Services Online Referral Tool  
[aps.jfs.ohio.gov/](https://aps.jfs.ohio.gov/)
  - » Your county's department of Job and Family Services  
[jfs.ohio.gov/County/cntydir.stm](https://jfs.ohio.gov/County/cntydir.stm)
- If the person has a developmental disability,
  - » Developmental Disabilities Abuse/Neglect Hotline: 1-866-313-6733 (M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
- If the person lives in a health care facility and suspected abuse is by another resident or staff member,
  - » Ohio Department of Health Hotline: 1-800-342-0553
- If the person lives in a mental health facility,
  - » For facilities with 3 to 16 residents call APS: 1-855-OHIO-APS
  - » For all other mental health facilities call The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services: 1-877-275-6364

## Additional Information on Reporting Suspected Abuse and Neglect

- Reports of suspected abuse or neglect can be made anonymously.
- You do not need to have evidence of abuse or neglect to provide a report. There are no consequences for making a report that is not validated later – but there are consequences for failing to make a report as a mandated reporter.