

# STOP ELDER ABUSE



**They cared for us.  
Now it's our turn.**



## REPORT IT. END IT.

Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Financial  
Exploitation Tip Hotline

**1-609-292-1272**

[www.nj.gov/oag/medicaidfraud/report.html](http://www.nj.gov/oag/medicaidfraud/report.html)

**Each year, hundreds of thousands of older people are subject to elder abuse.**

Many of them are frail, vulnerable, and rely on others to meet their most basic needs. Abusers can be children, family members, trusted friends, or even professionals hired to provide care.

**Elder abuse is** any "knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult," including Physical Abuse, Emotional or Psychological Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation.

### How to Spot Elder Abuse

The signs of elder abuse can be subtle. Any of the following can be a cause for concern:

- Physical signs including unexplained bruises, bed sores, or sexually transmitted diseases.
- Poor hygiene or nutrition and unsafe or unclean living conditions.
- Missing medical aids like glasses, dentures, hearing aids, a walker, etc.
- Increased fear, anxiety, or sadness.
- Isolation or withdrawal from normal activities.
- Unusual changes to financial arrangements: bank accounts, money management services, wills or trusts.
- Unpaid bills or fraudulent signatures on financial documents.

**What should you do when you see or suspect Elder Abuse? Report It.**

*The mission of the New Jersey Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (NJ MFCU) is to protect Medicaid beneficiaries and the Medicaid Program from fraud, waste and abuse. In 2018, the NJ MFCU launched the Elder Protection Task Force, which investigates allegations of financial exploitation, abuse and or neglect of elderly and incapacitated adults receiving Medicaid benefits in the State of New Jersey.*