

Be a part of the solution!

Report abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults



What are the signs?

Abuse

- Unexplained bruises or welts
- Multiple bruises in various stages of healing
- Unexplained fractures, abrasions, and lacerations
- Multiple injuries
- Low self-esteem or loss of self-determination
- Withdrawn, passive, fearful
- Reports or suspicions of sexual abuse

Self-neglect

- Over or under-medicated
- Social isolation
- Malnourishment or dehydration
- Unkempt appearance
- Lack of glasses, dentures, or hearing aides, if needed
- Failure to keep medical appointments

Neglect

- Dehydration
- Lack of glasses, dentures or other aides if usually worn
- Malnourishment
- Inappropriate or soiled clothes
- Over or under medicated
- Deserted or abandoned
- Unattended/Lack of supervision

Exploitation

- Mismanagement of bank accounts
- Disappearance of possessions
- Forced to sell house or change one's will
- Inadequate living environment
- Unable to afford social activities
- Forced to sign over control of finances
- No money for food or clothes

To report vulnerable adult abuse:

Salt Lake County: 801-538-3567

Statewide: 800-371-7897

Online: daas.utah.gov

Utah law mandates any person who has reason to believe that a vulnerable adult is being abused, neglected, or exploited **must** immediately notify Adult Protective Services or the nearest law enforcement agency.