



The State of Nevada Division for Aging Services provides **Elder Protective Services** for persons 60 years old and older who may experience abuse, neglect, exploitation, or isolation. Elder Protective Services serves all of Nevada.

Elder abuse is a crime! If the Division for Aging Services Elder Protective Service worker believes that a crime has been committed against an older person, a referral is made to the appropriate law enforcement agency for possible investigation and prosecution.

Elder Protective Service Includes:

- Investigation, which begins within 3 working days of being reported
- evaluation
- counseling
- arrangement/referral for other services

Protective services are provided if the individual is willing to accept these services.

Who can report a case of elder abuse?

Any person may report an incident of abuse if they have reasonable cause to believe that an elderly person has been abused, neglected, exploited, or isolated. All information received as a result of a report is maintained as confidential.

Mandatory reporters *must* make the report immediately after the event, but no later than 24 hours after there is reason to believe that an elderly person has been abused, neglected, exploited, or isolated. Mandatory reporters include:

- medical professionals
- employees of hospitals and home health agencies
- social workers
- coroners
- law enforcement employees
- adult or juvenile probation officers
- Department of Human Resources' employees
- mortuary or funeral home employees
- employees of the facilities providing care for older persons

Reports must be made to any of the following:

- The local office of the Division for Aging Services during normal business hours
- Any police department or sheriff's office
- Clark County Protective Services

If an older person is in immediate danger, the local police, sheriff's office or emergency medical service should be contacted. If the older person is not in immediate danger, the report should be made to one of the designated offices. After normal business hours, the reporter should contact local law enforcement, or the Crisis Call Center.

