

Abuse and Neglect

Abuse of older and disabled adults (at-risk adults) is one of the most undetected and underreported problems in the U.S. Abuse can involve physically harming or distressing the at-risk adult or not doing something that a person has a duty to do, such as a caregiver not providing medications to an at-risk adult who needs them.

Neglect occurs when someone intentionally or unknowingly withholds basic necessities or care. Self-neglect refers to a person's inability to provide care and support to him or herself.

Click on the link below for more information. If the suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation occurs in a person's home or other community setting, contact:

Division of Aging Services' Adult Protective Services

Central Intake in Metropolitan Atlanta 404-657-5250

Outside of Atlanta at 1-888-774-0152

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