

We can make a difference with Community Effort

Protect Elders and Adults with Disabilities from Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation











# Recognize the Signs

**Abuse** is when a caretaker of an elder or adult with disabilities causes physical or mental pain, limits movement or activities of the adult, or withholds care or resources from the adult.

**Exploitation** is when someone illegally or improperly uses the resources of an elder or adult with disabilities.

Caretaker Neglect is when a caretaker of an elder or adult with disabilities fails to provide necessary services to avoid harm and maintain health.

**Self-Neglect** is when an elder or an adult with disabilities, who lives alone or has no caretaker, is not able to care for one's self.



# REPORT abuse, neglect, and exploitation against elders and adults with disabilities. Contact your local county office.







### You Can Help

If you have any reason to believe an adult with disabilities or elder is being abused, neglected, or exploited then you are required by NC law to make a report to your local county social services office.

It's easy to make a report. You don't need proof and you do not have to reveal your name. All reporter information is kept confidential.

### Report Abuse

Buncombe County Health & Human Services Adult Abuse Report Line: (828) 250-5800

## **Emergency Numbers**

Sheriff's Office: (828) 250-6670

Asheville Police Dept.: (828) 252-1110

Biltmore Forest Police Dept.: (828) 274-0822

Black Mountain Police Dept.: (828) 419-9350

Weaverville Police Dept.: (828) 645-5700

Woodfin Police Dept.: (828) 253-4889



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