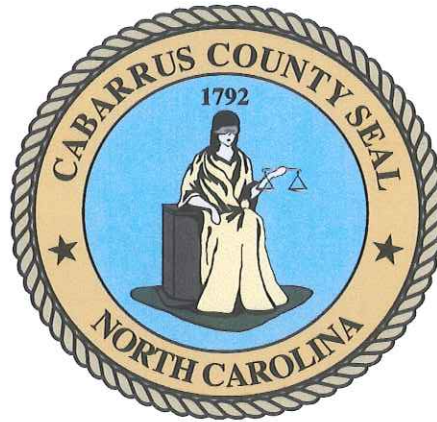
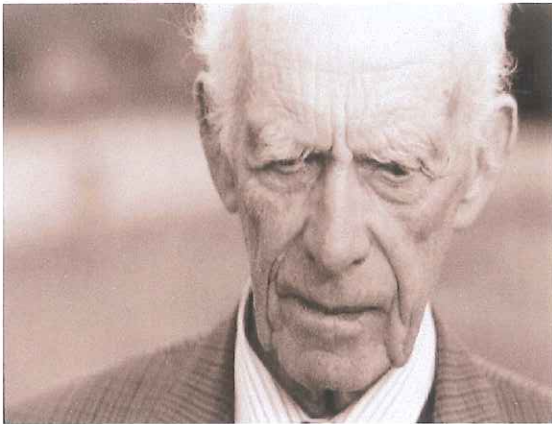


You can stop abuse, neglect, and exploitation of disabled and elderly adults.

Be aware of behaviors and body language that exhibit signs of mistreatment and concern.



CABARRUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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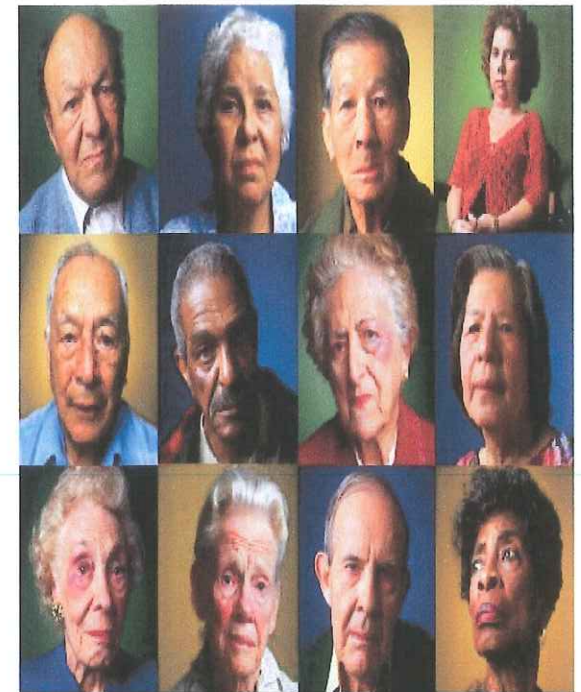


If you have reason to believe that an older or disabled adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited, NC law requires you to contact Adult Protective Services (APS) at the Department of Social Services.

WHY REPORT? BECAUSE IT'S THE LAW

The reporter is protected from civil and criminal liability for good faith reports.

Adult Protective Services in Cabarrus County



Abuse of Elders and Dependent Adults

FACE IT. IT'S A CRIME.

Adult Protective Services

–NC General Statute 108A-102 requires anyone who has reason to believe that a disabled adult is in need of protective services to report such information to Social Services.

What do I need to know to make an APS report? Have as much of the following information as possible ...

- The name of the disabled adult or enough information for APS to identify him/her
- The approximate age of the disabled Adult
- The address where the adult can be Found
- What the adult cannot do for himself/herself, such as bathing, toileting, housekeeping, money management, etc.)?

Don't worry if you don't have all the information listed above, just report what you do know.

What does DSS do?

Our main objective is to determine if the adult needs protection. The APS worker is required to:

- Take the report from you
- Assure confidentiality
- Explain what happens once your report is taken
- Ask you if you want to be notified by phone or mail about your report



Adult Protective Services Activities Include:

- Making a face to face, unannounced visit to the adult with a disability
- Evaluating the need for protective services
- Working with the adult, family, and multi-disciplinary providers to secure needed essential services for the adult such as food, safe housing or medical care
- Planning with and supporting the disabled or elderly adult and the family or caregiver to identify, remedy and prevent problems that result in abuse, neglect or exploitation
- Reporting evidence of mistreatment to the District Attorney and regulatory agencies; court action is initiated as necessary to protect the adult with a disability

When you call Adult Protective Services your name is kept confidential unless a court of law orders disclosure.

If you suspect that an adult is being abused, neglected or exploited, notify the Department of Social Services by phone at (704) 920-1400 between the hours of 8AM and 5 PM, by email, www.cabarruscounty.us, or in writing. If after hours, call the Sheriff's Department at (704) 920-3000.

Is This Happening To You Or Someone You Know?

- Bruises, burns, cuts, scratches
- Sprains, fractures, dislocations, malnutrition
- Untreated medical condition(s)
- Unsafe or unsanitary housing
- Lack of medications, hearing aids, glasses or dentures
- Mental anguish and distress
- Mistrust towards others
- Unpaid utility and other bills
- Mismanaged property or savings
- Sudden change in will or power of attorney
- Unable to provide needed care