



**Tooele County  
Aging Services  
works to prevent  
abuse and protect  
older adults.**

**Contact Us At:**

 Tooele County Health Department  
Aging Services  
151 N Main St., Tooele, UT 84074

 435-277-2420

 [tooelehealth.org/aging-services/](http://tooelehealth.org/aging-services/)

**My Questions:**

- Can I be forced into a care facility?
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**Be part of the solution!**

Don't be afraid! Know the signs and where to report. Reporting elder abuse or neglect is the right thing to do, and it's the law.

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Financial abuse is reported the most. Neglect, emotional mistreatment, physical abuse, and sexual abuse are also commonly reported.



**Vulnerable Adult  
and Exploitation  
Resource Guide**



**You have a right  
to be safe.**

Abuse, neglect, exploitation, and financial abuse are crimes.

# What are the signs of ABUSE?

## Resources

### 1 Emotional Abuse

Signs of emotional abuse can be verbal or nonverbal, and result in emotional pain, include:

- Intimidation/manipulation through threats, yelling, ridicule, blaming
- Isolating from family, friends, or activities
- Ignoring, bullying, or terrorizing
- Threatening to put loved one in a nursing home

### 2 Physical Abuse

- Unexplained bruises, welts, cuts, or broken bones
- Withdrawn, passive, fearful
- Sexual abuse or assault
- Low self-confidence
- Fear of making own decisions

### 3 Neglect & Self-neglect

Signs of caregiver neglect and self-neglect are similar and include:

- Lack of basic hygiene, adequate food, or appropriate clothing
- Over or under medicated
- Social isolation
- Person with dementia left unsupervised
- Lack of glasses, dentures, or hearing aids, if needed
- Denying access to medical care

### 4 Financial Abuse

- Having money taken from accounts without permission
- Lack of amenities/comforts, or running out of money when the person should have sufficient funds
- Being pressured to give money, loans, or gifts
- Change in financial activity, such as unexplained credit card or bank activity, or recently giving others access to accounts
- Being asked to sign papers that have not been read or understood

#### Dial 9-1-1

If you feel threatened or in immediate danger, contact law enforcement now!

#### Dial 9-8-8

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

#### Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT)

435-843-3520 or 9-1-1

#### Tooele County Law Enforcement

435-882-5600

#### Adult Protective Services

800-371-7897

[Daas.utah.gov/aps](http://Daas.utah.gov/aps)

#### Long-Term Care Ombudsman

435-277-2420

#### Domestic Violence

800-799-SAFE (7233)

#### Safe Harbor

801-444-9161

#### Tooele County Aging Services

435-277-2420

#### Utah Division of Consumer Protection

800-272-3900

