Contacts

To report abuse, please call the
local county social services office:

For more information, please call:

Colorado Aging & Adult Services, Adult Protection
303-866-2800 (voice, TTD)

or

The Colorado Coalition for Elder Rights & Adult Protection
303-866-2849
1-800-773-1386

or visit

www.ColoradoAging.com
www.CCERAP.org

Colorado Aging & Adult Services
Adult Protective Services
1575 Sherman Street, Tenth Floor
Denver, CO 80203
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Protecting At-risk Adults

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Who are At-Risk Adults ?

At-risk adults are people over 18 with disabling conditions or seniors who are victims of abuse, neglect or other mistreatment.

- At-risk adults may have problems with their health and safety because they cannot care for themselves.

- At-risk adults may not be able to protect or care for themselves because they cannot understand or do not recognize there is a problem.

- At-risk adults may be abused, neglected or taken advantage of by people they trust and rely on for care.

What is Abuse?

- **Physical abuse** is hitting, slapping, pushing, kicking, burning, confining, or restraining an adult.

- **Sexual abuse** is sexual activity or touching without the adult's consent or understanding.

- **Financial Exploitation** is the use of an at-risk adult's money or property for another's advantage.

- **Neglect** is a lack of food, shelter, clothing, or care provided to an at-risk adult by a caregiver.

- **Self-neglect** is the inability or unwillingness of an at-risk adult to care for herself or himself. Choice of lifestyle, by itself, does not indicate self-neglect.

Reporting Abuse

To report concerns, contact Adult Protective Services at the County Department of Social (Human) Services where the at-risk adult lives.

What Happens When You Report?

When you call Adult Protective Services, any of the following things may happen:

1. A caseworker may get more information about the reported abuse by calling or visiting the at-risk adult or other interested parties.
2. A caseworker may help the adult get needed services that may solve the problem.*
3. The county staff person may provide you with helpful information.

*Note: An at-risk adult has the right to refuse protective services.