



## DISTRICT 2 PUBLIC HEALTH 2024 REPORTING ADULT ABUSE

The Adult Protective Services is the state entity charged with investigating all reports of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of older persons (65+) or an adult (18+) with a disability who do not reside in long-term care facilities pursuant to the Disabled Adults and Elder Persons Protection Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 30-5-1, et seq.

### TYPES OF ABUSE

- Physical abuse
- Mental, emotional, or verbal abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect
- Self-neglect
- Financial exploitation

Georgia law requires mandatory reporting of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation by certain professionals who are mandated reporters. Failure for a mandated reporter to report abuse, neglect and/or exploitation of a disabled adult or elder person is punishable by a criminal misdemeanor.

Mandated reporters include among others: any person required to report child abuse as provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 19-7-5; medical personnel including physicians, interns, residents and others; dentists; pharmacists, licensed professionals; nursing personnel; employees of a public or private agency engaged in professional health-related services to elder persons or adults with disabilities; and law enforcement personnel.

### TO REPORT ABUSE

- **File a report online** with Georgia Department of Community Health  
<https://hssgaprod.wellsky.com/assessments/?WebIntake=9726103-7A5E-4B72-B44F-DD4264B727D8>

*Note: The online reporting form is not compatible with Internet Explorer 10*

- **Or Call 1-866-55AGING** (1-866-552-4464) Press "3"  
Reports are accepted by phone Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm. If you are unable to reach a live Intake Specialist, please leave a detailed message or complete the web reporting form. If you do not receive a follow-up call within 48 hours please call during regular business hours to follow up on you report.