

Red Flags of Abuse

Does someone you know – a senior or adult with a disability – display any warning signs of mistreatment?



Neglect

- Lack of basic hygiene, adequate food, or clean and appropriate clothing
- Home cluttered, filthy, in disrepair, or having fire and safety hazards
- Untreated pressure “bed” sores
- Lack of medical necessities



Financial Abuse/Exploitation

- Victim suddenly lacking in amenities that victim could afford
- Victim giving uncharacteristically excessive financial reimbursement/ gifts for care and companionship
- Caregiver controls victim's money but is not providing for their needs



Physical/Sexual Abuse

- Inadequately explained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores or burns
- Unexplained sexually transmitted diseases

Credit: National Center on Elder Abuse
www.ncea.aoa.gov

Important Phone Numbers

Adult Protective Services
& Guardianship

240-777-3000

Crisis Center
240-777-4000

Elder/Vulnerable Adult Abuse
Section Montgomery County
Department of Police
240-773-5050

Crimes Against Seniors
& Vulnerable Adults Unit located
at the Family Justice Center
240-773-0444



How to Get Help

If you or someone you know is in a life threatening situation or in immediate danger call 911.

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Montgomery County Circuit Court
50 Maryland Avenue, 5th Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850
240-777-7300

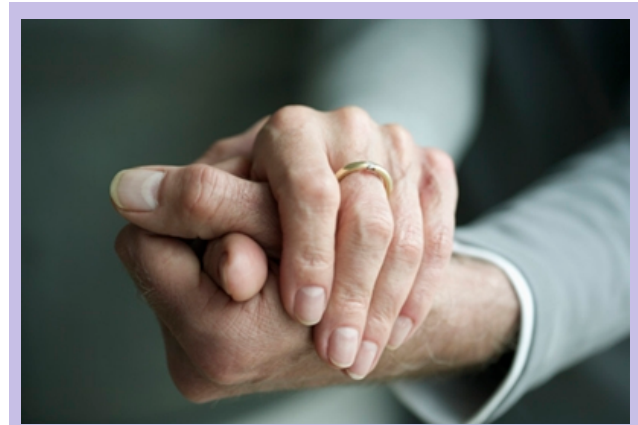
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sao



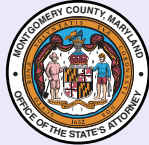
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Crimes Against Seniors and Vulnerable Adults Unit

Protecting Our Seniors



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Between 2010 and 2040, the Montgomery County senior population is projected to grow from 119,770 to 254,530 a growth of 113%.

In recognition of this changing demographic, we created the Crimes Against Seniors and Vulnerable Adults Unit in the State's Attorney's Office to aggressively prosecute crimes against seniors, and to protect vulnerable members of our community. I hope you find this brochure helpful.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. McCarthy".

JOHN J. MCCARTHY
State's Attorney for
Montgomery County, Maryland



Crimes committed against seniors and vulnerable adults include:

- financial exploitation by anyone including family members, caretakers, or fiduciaries;
- physical abuse or neglect by a spouse, family member, or caretaker;
- schemes targeting seniors such as confidence scams, phishing scams and investment schemes.

A vulnerable adult is a person eighteen years of age or older who lacks:

- the physical or mental capacity to provide for their daily needs, including food, clothing, shelter and/or medical care

