

## Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

Montgomery County agencies offer many excellent programs to protect and improve the safety of Seniors.

We created a Montgomery County Elder/Vulnerable Adult Abuse Task Force (EVAATF) whose members include: The Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, Montgomery County Department of Police, the County's Department of Health and Human Services and Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service and Office of the County Attorney.

You Won't Want to Miss the Senior Safety Forum Wednesday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Montgomery County and the City of Rockville will hold a special Senior Safety Forum in honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It offers the perfect social opportunity to share important protective information and have fun!

Enjoy exhibits and presentations on: resources for seniors, technology, personal and financial safety; musical entertainment, door prizes and free box lunches. There will also be an opportunity to safely turn in expired or unused prescription drugs to police.

You'll learn about the Red Flags of Abuse and What You Should Do. These are the most common types of abuse against Seniors.

**Neglect:** Lack of basic hygiene, adequate food, clean and appropriate clothing, house cluttered or in disrepair.

**Financial Exploitation:** Victim gives uncharacteristically excessive financial reimbursement/gifts for care and companionship, unusual bank activity, or general change in spending habits.

**Physical/Sexual Abuse:** Insufficiently explained burns, cuts, wounds, black-and-blue marks, injuries, or unexplained sexually transmitted diseases.

What You Should Do: If you have a concern about any of these types of abuse, contact: Adult Protective Services at 240-777-3000 or the County Crisis Center at 240-777-4000. You do not need to prove that abuse is occurring. Let the professionals investigate your suspicions. If the situation poses immediate danger or is life-threatening, call 9-1-1.

## **Contact Us Today**

• Aging & Disability Resource Line 240-777-3000

• 3-1-1 or 240-777-0311 for County programs and services; 9-1-1 for emergency

• www.montgomerycountymd.gov/senior

• "Seniors Today" airs on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. on Comcast/RCN 6, Verizon 30