

# 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 Call

The Colorado Coalition for  
Elder Rights &  
Adult Protection:

**303-866-2849**

OR

**1-800-773-1366**

OR visit our website at:

[www.cdhs.state.co.us/ADRS/AAS/adprot.htm](http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/ADRS/AAS/adprot.htm)

**615-82-0000-16-510**

Colorado Aging & Adult Services  
Adult Protective Services  
1575 Sherman Street  
Ground Floor  
Denver, CO 80203

# Protecting At-risk Adults

*... Those adults most likely to be  
abused, neglected, and exploited.*

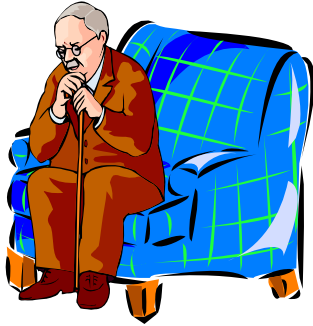


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# Who are At-risk Adults ?



**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 that 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, is not proof of self-neglect.



# Reporting Abuse



To report your concerns, contact the County Social Services or Human Services agency in the county where the adult lives. Ask for "Adult Protection."

## What Happens When You Report

When you call social services, any of the following things may happen:

1. A caseworker will get more information about the reported abuse by calling or visiting the at-risk adult or other interested parties.
2. A caseworker will 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 county agency services.

