

RED FLAGS OF ELDER ABUSE AND/OR EXPLOITATION

- **Physical Abuse** - inadequately explained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores, and burns. Pressure "bed" sores.
- **Neglect** - lack of basic body hygiene, adequate food, medical aids (glasses, walker, teeth, hearing aid, needed medications), or clean clothing.
- **Unsafe/unsanitary environment** - home cluttered, filthy, in disrepair, or having fire and safety hazards. Home lacking minimum equipment and facilities (stove, refrigerator, heat, cooling, plumbing, and electricity). Animal hoarding.
- **Financial Abuse** - lack of amenities that person could afford. Inappropriate reimbursement for care/companionship. Control of money but failure to provide for needs. Property transfers, Power of Attorney, new will, etc., when unable to comprehend the transaction. Frequent/excessive credit card offers.
- **Psychological Abuse** - caretaker isolates victim: restricts visits and phone calls. Caretaker is violent, aggressive, controlling, addicted, or uncaring.
- **A person who seems:**
 - Afraid of family or caregiver
 - Nervous around others
 - Withdrawn/isolated from family/friends
 - Hesitant to speak in front of others
 - Exhibits frequent bruising
 - Deprived of their mobility

ELDER ABUSE EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergency Response: 911

Police Departments:

Lewiston	784-6421
Auburn	333-6650
Androscoggin Sheriff	784-7361
Lisbon	353-2500
Sabattus	375-6952
Mechanic Falls	345-9021
Livermore Falls	897-3424
State Police	1-800-482-0730
Cell Phone to State Police	*77

Adult Protective Services

1-800-624-8404

Safe Voices

1-800-559-2927

Sexual Assault Crisis Center

1-800-871-7741

Tri-County Mental Health Crisis Intervention

1-888-568-1112

Elder Abuse Response Team

Non-emergency calls only

Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00

784-5272

Being Safe Staying Safe

*Everyone has the right
to be safe from abuse*



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GET THE FACTS

Elder abuse can be physical, emotional, sexual, financial and psychological.

- Maine has the oldest population in the nation, 19% over the age of 60. *(Maine DHHS/OES. 2006)*
- Elder abuse has no boundaries. It affects women and men of all cultural and socioeconomic groups and people with all levels of physical and mental functioning.
- There are over 14,000 calls to Adult Protective Services each year. *(Maine DHHS/OES. 2006)*
- In Maine, it's estimated that only 7% of elder abuse cases are reported. *(Legal Services For the Elderly, 2001)*

EATF MISSION



**The Androscoggin County
Elder Abuse Task Force
is a community partnership
dedicated to ending elder abuse,
generating resources,
educating the community, and
advocating to meet the needs of
elder abuse victims**



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MEMBER AGENCIES

Auburn Housing Authority
Auburn Police Department
Legal Services for the Elderly
Lewiston Housing Authority
Lewiston Police Department
Maine Department of Health and
Human Services, Adult Protective Services
Maine Department of Health and
Human Services, Public Health Nursing
Safe Voices
S.E.A.R.C.H (Seek Elderly Alone,
Renew Courage & Hope) a program of
Catholic Charities Maine
Seniors Plus
Sexual Assault Crisis Center
St. Mary's Lifeline
United Ambulance
TD Bank

