ABUSE refers to any intentional or negligent act that causes harm or serious risk to a vulnerable adult.

There are many kinds of abuse:

• **Physical** pain or injury, depriving of basic needs or confinement
• **Emotional** or mental pain, anguish or distress
• **Sexual** contact that is non-consensual
• **Exploitation** of funds, property or assets of a vulnerable adult for personal profit
• **Neglect** and abandonment including depriving a vulnerable adult of food, water, shelter, medication or health services

A vulnerable adult is any person older than age 18, or emancipated by marriage that has a substantial mental or functional impairment.

Look for the signs and report any abuse.

To Report Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult:

1-855-462-5465 (1-855-GO2LINK)

nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/reporting.html
WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU NEED HELP

Emergency Services — 911

Aging and Disability Resource Link
1-855-462-5465 (1-855-G02LINK)
carechoice.nd.gov

Statewide Connection to:
  Health Services
  Home delivered/congregate meals
  Options Counseling
  Home and Community Based Services
  (personal care, homemaker)
  Financial Assistance (food, medical, heating)
  Transportation Services
  Caregiver Support Services
  Long Term Care Ombudsman Services
  Supportive Counseling
  Vulnerable Adult Protective Services
  Information and Referral
  Local Contact Agency

Alzheimer’s Association of MN/ND
1-800-272-3900   alz.org/mnnd

ND Attorney General Consumer Protection
1-800-472-2600   attorneygeneral.nd.gov

ND Protection and Advocacy
1-800-472-2670   ndpanda.org

ND Securities Department
1-800-297-5124   nd.gov/securities

Legal Services of ND
1-866-621-9886   legalassist.org

Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

First Link Hotline (24/7 support, crisis, referral services)
211

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-TALK (8255) Press 1

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