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
Emergency Services — 911

Aging and Disability Resource Link
1-855-462-5465 (1-855-GO2LINK)
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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