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Protecting Ohio's Families

Elder Justice Initiative



The Ohio Attorney General's Elder Justice Initiative provides leadership and advocacy to combat elder abuse and exploitation throughout the state.

The Attorney General's staff works with law enforcement, prosecutors, adult protective services, and communities to:

- Identify, investigate, and prosecute elder abuse cases.
- Improve services for victims.
- Raise awareness of the warning signs of abuse.
- Build local capacity to protect older adults.



A U.S. Department of Justice study estimates **1 in 9** Americans 60 and older suffers abuse each year. For every case reported to authorities, it is believed **5 more** go unreported.

The consequences are tragic, including a **300%** higher risk of death among elder abuse victims, according to a study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. With Ohio's population of older adults expected to grow significantly in coming years, the time to take notice — and action — is now.

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Elder abuse can include:

- Physical, sexual, verbal, and emotional abuse.
- Neglect, including abandonment.
- Financial exploitation, including exerting undue influence.



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The Attorney General's team includes staff with:

- Crime Victim Services
- Bureau of Criminal Investigation
- Special Prosecutions
- Consumer Protection
- Health Care Fraud



Team members will help local communities with:

- Criminal elder abuse and financial exploitation investigations.
- Forensic analysis.
- Case Presentation and prosecution.
- Civil elder maltreatment investigations.
- Victim advocacy and assistance.
- Professional training and technical assistance
- Education and outreach

For more information on the initiative, or to get support for a victim of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation, call

800-282-0515.



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