The Ohio Attorney General’s Elder Abuse Commission

Elder abuse is a devastating reality for vulnerable Americans of all backgrounds. Unfortunately, the crime too often goes undetected, leaving seniors to suffer pain, mental anguish, financial loss and rights violations.

The Attorney General’s Elder Abuse Commission is charged with combating elder abuse in all of its forms, including neglect and financial fraud. The 38-member commission, established in 2009, identifies funding and programming needs and finds solutions. Members represent state government, private agencies and the Attorney General’s Elder Justice Unit.

MORE THAN 10% of adults age 60 or older experience elder abuse every year, according to the U.S. Justice Department. Such abuse can result in deteriorating health, depression and early death.

Ohioans can join the commission’s campaign to protect seniors through its committees:

Direct Practice
Provides resources to front-line practitioners and identifies the services needed to reduce and ultimately eliminate elder abuse.

Education
Conducts outreach efforts to raise public awareness and educate first responders and service providers to prevent, identify and investigate elder abuse.

Policy
Identifies a variety of potential policy responses to elder abuse.

Research
Cultivates research by mentoring elder justice researchers.

For more information on the Ohio Attorney General’s Elder Abuse Commission, its committees and its meeting schedule, call 800-282-0515 or visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.