

MANDATED REPORTING of DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE

Reportable Incidents	Mandated Reporters	Reporting Circumstances	Reporting Procedures	Clinical Considerations
<p>Suspected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assault/Battery - Unreasonable physical constraint or prolonged deprivation of food or water. - Sexual assault - Physical and/or chemical restraint used as a punishment or for longer than prescribed. • Financial Abuse • Neglect or self-neglect • Abandonment • Isolation <p><u>May Report</u> Emotional Abuse</p>	<p>Licensed healthcare providers, public health employees, and professionals and para-professionals working with seniors.</p> <p>- All clinicians are mandated reporters</p>	<p>Any mandated reporter who in the course of his/her work either observes or is told of an incident of abuse is required to report.</p> <p>- The abuse is required to be reported if it is known or is reasonably expected to re-occur.</p>	<p>Abuse must be reported by telephone immediately or as soon as practically possible, and followed up with a written report (see form) sent within two working days.</p> <p>Reports should be made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS (Adult Protective Services). Aging & Adult if the abuse occurs in an independent living situation (i.e. at home) or in an Acute Care Hospital <u>OR</u> • Ombudsman if the abuse occurs in a Board & Care, Assisted Living or long-term care facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with client the legal and ethical obligation of reporting suspected abuse. Abuse is not protected by confidentiality. • Safety assessment – Assess and take necessary measure to ensure client’s safety. • Offer support, counseling and/or groups as indicated for abuse trauma.