

ABUSE – WHEN TO REPORT CHECKLIST

If you witness a life-threatening situation involving a senior or adult with disabilities, dial 911. Contact your local Adult Protective Services agency any time you observe or suspect the following:

- Sudden inability to meet essential physical, psychological or social needs threatening health, safety or well-being
- Disappearing from contact with neighbors, friends or family
- Bruising or welts on the skin, especially those appearing on the face or lateral and anterior region of the arms (physically abused elders are much more likely to display bruises than seniors injured by accident)
- Fingerprints or handprints visible on the face, neck, arms or wrists
- Burns from scalding, cigarettes, or in shapes of objects such as an iron
- Cuts, lacerations or puncture wounds
- Sprains, fractures or dislocations
- Internal injuries or vomiting
- Appearing with torn, stained, or bloody clothing
- Appearing disheveled, in soiled clothing or inappropriately attired for the climate
- Appearing hungry, malnourished, disoriented or confused