

MAKE THE CALL

TO HELP THOSE AT RISK OF ABUSE

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Middlesex Department of Social Services

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CHILDREN



NEGLECT

- Unmet medical needs
- Inadequate supervision
- Unsafe housing

PHYSICAL ABUSE

- Unexplained injuries

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

- Out-of-character and/or extreme behaviors
- Heightened watchfulness
- Difficulty concentrating
- Unexplained irritability

SEXUAL ABUSE

- Demonstration of sexual knowledge or behavior unusual for the child's age
- Child describes being sexually touched

EXPLOITATION

- Unexplained absences from school/activities
- Unexplained possession of extra money or gifts

ADULTS



NEGLECT

- Unmet medical needs
- Malnourished/dehydrated
- Inadequate hygiene
- Soiled bedding/furniture
- Homelessness
- Lacks needed supervision

PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL ABUSE

- Multiple/severe bruises, welts, black eyes or burns
- Verbal assaults, threats, intimidation
- Restrained to furniture, locked in
- Fear reaction or mistrust of others

SEXUAL ABUSE

- Describes or suggests sexual abuse
- Depression or blunted affect
- Self-destructive or suicidal behavior

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

- Suspicious signatures on check
- Depleted bank account
- Chronic failure to pay bills
- Another adult financially relies upon the older person
- Transfer of property or savings
- Sudden appearance of uninvolved relatives/friends

Criteria for Adults

Over age 60 OR
disabled adults
ages 18-59



