



Adult Protective Services (APS) is working with community partners and professional groups around the state to raise awareness about adult abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. See a list of events at EveryonesBusiness.org and get involved if you can. Check back frequently for new events in your area.

Texas law requires anyone who suspects adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation to report it to the Texas Abuse Hotline at **1-800-252-5400** or online at TxAbuseHotline.org. Callers can remain anonymous. Learn how to recognize adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation at Everyonesbusiness.org. Last year, APS investigated the situations of 84,712 people, who were 65 or older or had disabilities, and found that 51,314 of them suffered one or more forms of abuse, neglect or, financial exploitation. Self-neglect was at least one factor for most of these people. APS' job is to investigate these situations and connect people with the services in their communities they need.

ABOUT APS

APS is a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). Its mission is to protect people who are 65 or older or who have disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by investigating, and providing or arranging for services to alleviate or prevent further maltreatment.

MORE INFORMATION

- Contact an [APS staff member](#) or a [DFPS media specialist](#).
- Read about APS in the [DFPS Annual Report](#).
- APS data is available in the online [DFPS Data Book](#).
- Learn how to recognize and report adult abuse, neglect and exploitation with this [online training](#).

GET INVOLVED

YOU CAN HELP STOP ELDER ABUSE & NEGLECT

May is [Elder Abuse Prevention Month](#) in Texas. It's a good reminder for all Texans to look out for and to help those in our communities who are elderly or have disabilities. After all, it's everyone's business to stop adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

In May, APS joins with many community, civic, and professional groups to raise awareness and understanding about adult abuse and neglect through conferences, presentations, and other events.

Read the [news release](#) about Elder Abuse Prevention Month.

IF IT'S NOT YOUR MONEY, IT'S A CRIME.

IT'S EVERYONE'S BUSINESS TO PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE ELDERLY OR HAVE DISABILITIES FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION.

Financial exploitation is the illegal or improper use of another person's money or property for personal profit or gain. Financial exploitation of adults who are elderly or disabled is an increasing problem and protecting them from becoming victims is everyone's business.

During [Elder Abuse Prevention Month](#), Adult Protective Services and its partners focus on building awareness and understanding of financial exploitation.

Read the [news release](#) for more information on stopping financial exploitation.

SPREAD THE WORD

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Adult Protective Services (APS) Program created this site for anyone interested in getting involved.

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