

ELDER ABUSE AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Sadly, it is not uncommon for friends and family members of elderly individuals to discover that their loved one is not being treated with the care they deserve. However, not all instances of potential elder abuse meet the legal requirements for a cause-of-action in civil court. In instances where mistreatment does not rise to the level of a civil case, there are organizations dedicated to providing seniors and elderly individuals with assistance.

+ FOR MORE INFORMATION + ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Missouri:

health.mo.gov/safety/abuse/
Or call the Missouri Senior Helpline toll free:
800-392-0210

Illinois:

dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30275
Or call the Illinois Abuse Helpline toll free:
866-800-1409 (not in a Nursing Home)
or 800-252-4343 (concerning a Nursing Home)

Kansas:

kdads.ks.gov/commissions/survey-certification-and-credentialing-commission/abuse-neglect-or-exploitation
Or call the Kansas Senior Helpline toll free:
800-842-0078

There are other questions to consider when caring for an elderly family member, such as finding placement for care, becoming power of attorney, or creating a will, health directive, or trust. The following resources can be useful for connecting individuals with guidance when planning for future long-term service and support needs.

Missouri:

health.mo.gov/seniors/senior-legal-helpline.php
or call the Missouri Senior Helpline toll free:
800-235-5503

Illinois:

illinois.gov/aging/Pages/default.aspx
or call the Illinois Senior Helpline toll free:
800-252-8966

Kansas:

kdads.ks.gov/commissions/commission-on-aging/aging-and-disability-resource-centers
or call the Kansas Senior Helpline toll free:
855-200-2372

+ EXAMPLES OF MISTREATMENT

- + Emotional abuse including yelling, threatening, and harassment
- + Physical abuse
- + Refusing visitation with friends/family
- + Withholding food, water, or medications
- + Neglect or intentional mistreatment
- + Financial exploitation
- + Countless other forms of negative treatment or harmful behavior