



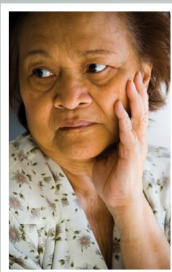
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ELDER JUSTICE UNIT

The Ohio Attorney General's Elder Justice Unit provides leadership and advocacy to combat elder abuse and exploitation throughout the state.

The Attorney General's staff works with law enforcement, prosecutors, adult protective services, and communities to:

- Identify, investigate, and prosecute elder abuse cases.
- Improve services for victims.
- Raise awareness of the warning signs of abuse.
- Build local capacity to protect older adults.



A U.S. Department of Justice study estimates 1 IN 9 AMERICANS 60 AND OLDER suffers abuse each year. For every case reported to authorities, it is believed five more go unreported.

The consequences are tragic, including a **300 percent higher risk of death** among elderly abuse victims, according to a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association. With Ohio's population of older adults expected to grow significantly in coming years, the time to take notice — and action — is now.



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Elder abuse can include:

**Physical, sexual, verbal,
and emotional abuse**



Neglect, including abandonment



**Financial exploitation, including
exerting undue influence**

Elder Justice Unit

The unit partners with other Ohio Attorney General staff members in:

- Crime Victim Services
- Bureau of Criminal Investigation
- Special Prosecutions
- Consumer Protection
- Health Care Fraud

The unit helps local communities with:

- Criminal elder abuse and financial exploitation investigations
- Forensic analysis
- Case presentation and prosecution
- Civil elder maltreatment investigations
- Victim advocacy and assistance
- Professional training and technical assistance
- Education and outreach



For more information on the Elder Justice Unit, or to get support for a victim of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation, call **800-282-0515**.