

Our Mission

To review, investigate, and prosecute crimes committed against older adults in Bucks County; to prevent crimes against older adults through professional training and community education; and to increase community awareness of available resources for services.

Contact Information

IF YOU SUSPECT ABUSE
YOU SHOULD REPORT IT
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
YOU ARE NOT ALONE
WHEN SEEKING HELP.

PENNSYLVANIA'S 24 HOUR
ELDER ABUSE HOTLINE

1-800-490-8505

Member Organizations

Bucks County District
Attorney's Office
215-348-6344

Bucks County Area Agency on
Aging (AAA)
215-348-0510

Network of Victim Assistance
(NOVA)
215-343-6543
1-800-675-6900

Bucks County Consumer
Protection
215-348-6060

Bucks County Register of Wills
215-348-6265

Bucks County Coroner
215-348-3852



Bucks County Crimes Against Older Adults Task Force



*Fighting Abuse,
Neglect, and
Exploitation of Older
Adults in Bucks
County*

The Bucks County Crimes Against Older Adults Task Force

*Bucks County District Attorney
Diane E. Gibbons established
this Task Force as a
Multidisciplinary Group for the
Purpose of Reviewing,
Investigating, Prosecuting and
Preventing Crimes Against
Older Adults.*

*The task force meets
monthly to review current
criminal cases and discuss
new investigations. The
task force works with local
law enforcement and other
organizations who advocate
for the protection and rights
of the older adults of Bucks
County.*

Recognizing Signs of Abuse

You can help stop the abuse of older adults that may be occurring. In many cases, an abused or neglected older adult is totally dependent on the abuser. Learning common signs of abuse can help you spot abuse in your own family or community:

Physical Abuse

- ◆ unexplained injuries
- ◆ presence of bruises, burns, scratches or other injuries
- ◆ inappropriate use of physical restraints or medication
- ◆ lack of reaction to pain

Emotional Abuse

- ◆ victim is withdrawn, secretive, or hesitant to talk freely around caregiver
- ◆ victim is isolated, contact with others is restricted

Neglect of Care

- ◆ poor hygiene, dirty or torn clothing, unsanitary living conditions
- ◆ untreated medical conditions
- ◆ malnourished, dehydrated
- ◆ bedsores and skin lesions
- ◆ untreated medical conditions
- ◆ diversion of needed drugs

Financial Exploitation

- ◆ overcharging for services
- ◆ lost, stolen, or destroyed property
- ◆ mismanagement of personal funds (missing checks)
- ◆ overdrawn accounts
- ◆ changes in spending patterns
- ◆ unnecessary home improvements
- ◆ sudden changes in estate planning

Sexual Abuse

- ◆ sexually transmitted diseases
- ◆ trauma/injuries to genital area