

ELDER ADULTS/ADULTS AT RISK REFERRAL

Richland County Health and Human Services

POA/Finance: Name & Phone #:

Not Activated

Activated

Representative/Payee: Name:

Phone #

Guardianship: Yes No

Explanation:

REQUESTED ACTION FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

Legal actions requested----explain

Respond to Abuse or Neglect:

Alleged Abuser:

Consulting on Health & Safety Needs Prior to Emergency or Legal Action:

Safety Concerns in the home (e.g, weapons, animals, home conditions, etc.

Explanation:

Note to APS Team: Assure the agency/individual making the referral that the facts will be reviewed. To protect the privacy of the elderly or vulnerable adult, the APS Team may not recontact the referring agency/individual unless more information is needed.

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Richland County Health & Human Services Adult Protective Services Unit (APS) • 608-647-8821

“RED FLAGS” For Referrals

The Richland County Adult Protective Service system is designed to protect Richland County vulnerable adults from the treatment or circumstance defined as abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property.

A vulnerable adult is a person who has a developmental disability, infirmities of aging, mental illness, or other like incapacities such as:

- Substantially **mentally** incapable of providing for his or her needs for food, shelter, clothing or personal / health care
- Unable to report if he or she is abused or neglected

Whenever there is one or more of the following “Red Flags”, you can make a referral to the Adult Protective Services Unit. We will review the facts and decide whether or not it is a matter for a response by the APS team or whether to refer it to other community agencies.

1. The vulnerable adult is a victim of a violent crime and seems to need social/emotional support.
2. You are concerned about the well-being of the vulnerable adult because of their extreme isolation or confusion.
3. The living conditions of the vulnerable adult are dangerous or create a high risk of harm.
4. The person is building up objects, garbage and/or animals to the point it is unsanitary and/or difficult to move within the home.
5. The vulnerable adult indicates concerns that their money has been stolen or missed.
6. You witness or are told about aggressive behavior towards the vulnerable adult.
7. There is a previous history of abuse by family members or caregivers.
8. There is an obvious absence of assistance, indifference or anger by the caregiver or family member(s).

You should make a referral whenever you see, or are contacted by a concerned citizen, about a vulnerable adult who appears to be:

1. Very isolated
2. Very confused
3. Needs food or ongoing meal program
4. Needs assistance accessing Medicaid or other financial programs
5. Needs case management for the above and other services
6. Needs advocacy to obtain services
7. Needs help with family problems and/or planning for the future