

PIKE COUNTY ELDER ABUSE Task Force

What is an Elder Abuse Task Force?

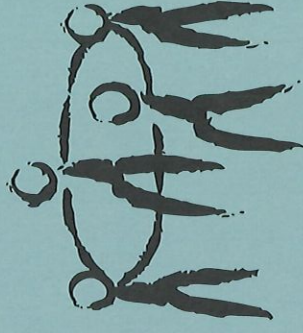
Formed in 2013, the Pike County Elder Task Force is a collaboration of the Pike County District Attorney's Office (D.A. Ray Tonkin), The Pike County Area Agency on Aging, Local financial institutions, home care providers, Carbon, Pike, Monroe Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities, Legislators, and AARP volunteers.

The mission of the Task Force is to train professionals such as bank staff, aging agency representatives, medical, legal, clergy and tax personnel to identify and report cases of potential exploitation, fraud, neglect and abuse of older adults. Education of the family, concerned citizens and the general public about elder abuse and how to recognize, prevent and report it is the ultimate purpose and goal of the Pike County Elder Abuse Task Force.

If you know or suspect that an elderly person is being harmed, call us. We can help!

Need information on: **Call:**
Scams or fraud/ PA Attorney General's Office 570-963-4913
Long Term Care/ Alzheimer's Helpline 1-866-286-3636
Domestic Violence/ Safe Haven 570-296-HELP (4357)
Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health/ Developmental Services, Mental Health Services 570-296-6484
Pike County 24 Hour/ Elder Abuse & Neglect Hotline 1-800-233-8911
Pike County Area Agency on Aging 570-775-5550
Statewide Reporting Elder Abuse 1-800-490-8505
Unused/Expired Medication Drop Box locations:
PA State Police Blooming Grove 434 Route 402, Hawley, PA 18428
Lords Valley Village Pharmacy 658 Route 739, Lords Valley, PA 18428
Eastern Pike Regional Police 10 Ave I, Matamoras, PA 18336
Sheriff's Office, Pike County 500 Broad Street Milford, PA18337

Embracing and Empowering Seniors



We are all partners against the crimes of elder abuse, mistreatment and neglect.

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Benefits Older Pennsylvanians.
Every Day.

Elder Abuse is:

Physical Abuse

Pushing, biting, rough handling, restricting movement, unwanted sexual advances, bruising.

Emotional Abuse

Intimidation, humiliation, threats, insults, harassment, isolation, rejection, bullying, belittling.

Self-Neglect

Behaviors that threaten an elder's health or safety.

Neglect

Refusal or failure by those responsible to provide food, shelter, healthcare or protection for a vulnerable elder; abandonment or suspicious death.

Financial or Material

Exploitation

Illegally taking, abusing or concealing funds, property or assets of an elder. Intentionally misleading or preying upon an older person.



**It Happens Here...
It Happens Every Day....**

It may be signaled by:

WITNESSING INTIMIDATION such as screaming, bullying, threatening.

UNEXPLAINED INJURIES

Bruises, pain from touching, burns, scratches.

CHANGES IN USUAL BEHAVIORS AND PATTERNS

Reluctance to talk, isolation, hesitation, fear, anxiety, unexplained refusal of medical treatment.

DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN KNOWN ASSETS & LIFESTYLE

Altered wills and trusts, unusual withdrawals, gifts given, checks expected and not received.

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CALL 1-800-233-8911
REPORTS ARE TAKEN 24 HOURS A DAY

**It's Not OK...
It Hurts Us All**

If it looks and feels wrong...
it probably is.

TAKE ACTION!

REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS of mistreatment of elders who live in the community or in a residential setting to the Pike County Area Agency on Aging at (800) 233-8911.

Your **CONFIDENTIAL** report will be assessed immediately and professionals will determine a course of action.

You may very well save someone's future because you cared enough to reach out to help!

