

Elder fraud includes suspected cases of neglect or abuse of a vulnerable adult, such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse or exploitation, whether in a domestic or institutional setting.

What to do if you suspect elder fraud:

- ❑ Call the AARP free Fraud Watch Hotline at 877-908-3360. They offer specialists in different areas and can direct you to the right resources.
- ❑ Report abuse to the right authority using The [National Center on Elder Abuse](#) list, which includes the State Licensing Agency, Adult Protective Services and the Eldercare Locator.
- ❑ If you suspect financial fraud, call the Justice Department National Elder Fraud Hotline at 833-372-8311.
- ❑ If you suspect identity fraud, the Federal Trade Commission info. line (877) 438-4338 directs you toward the correct action.
- ❑ If you suspect mortgage fraud, call 888-995-HOPE (4673), a government agency called Making Home Affordable.
- ❑ If you suspect fraud in medication, Medicare, a business, long-term care or prescriptions, find out who to call on this FTC [list](#). Look under the "Health Care Scams" section.