



Senior Rights and Protections

AN INTRODUCTION INTO SENIOR RIGHTS & PROTECTIONS



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The importance



**EVERY SENIOR DESERVES TO LIVE WITH
DIGNITY, RESPECT, AND PROTECTION.**

**OLDER ADULTS, INCLUDING THOSE LIVING
WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE HAVE LEGAL
RIGHTS THAT SAFEGUARD THEIR HEALTH,
FINANCES, AND WELL-BEING.**

**UNDERSTANDING THESE RIGHTS HELPS
SENIORS, FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS MAKE
INFORMED DECISIONS AND PREVENT
MISTREATMENT.**

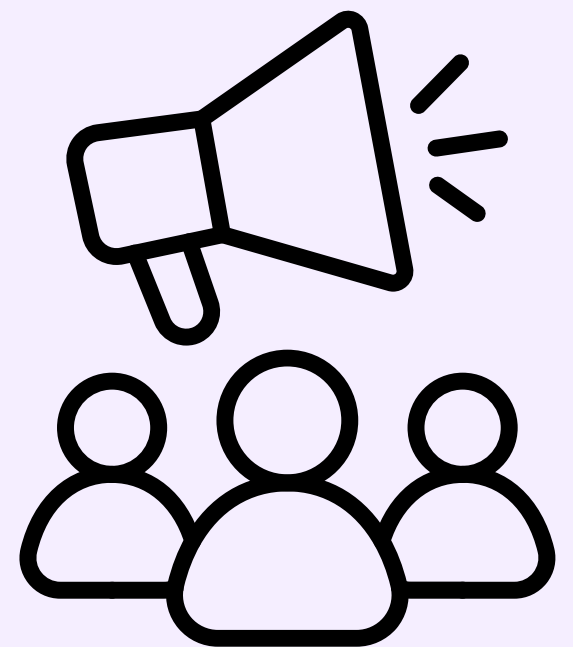
**THIS GUIDE PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF
IMPORTANT RIGHTS SENIORS HAVE AND HOW
TO PROTECT THEM.**

The Right to Be Treated with Dignity & Respect

**ALL SENIORS HAVE THE RIGHT TO
BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY,
COMPASSION, AND FAIRNESS
REGARDLESS OF THEIR PHYSICAL
OR COGNITIVE CONDITION.**

**THIS INCLUDES BEING SPOKEN TO
RESPECTFULLY, INCLUDED IN
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR
CARE, AND TREATED AS
INDIVIDUALS WITH PREFERENCES
AND VALUES.**

**NO SENIOR SHOULD EXPERIENCE
DISCRIMINATION BASED ON AGE,
DISABILITY, OR MEDICAL
CONDITION.**



The Right to Make Decisions

EVEN INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH DEMENTIA MAY STILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISION-MAKING DEPENDING ON THEIR LEVEL OF COGNITIVE ABILITY. THEIR PREFERENCES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AND RESPECTED WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

- EXAMPLES OF DECISIONS INCLUDE:**
- **CHOOSING DOCTORS OR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**
 - **DECIDING WHERE TO LIVE**
 - **MANAGING PERSONAL FINANCES**
 - **PARTICIPATING IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

WHEN INDIVIDUALS NEED ASSISTANCE MAKING DECISIONS, LEGAL TOOLS SUCH AS POWER OF ATTORNEY OR ADVANCE HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVES MAY HELP ENSURE THEIR WISHES ARE FOLLOWED.

Protection from abuse and neglect

**EVERY SENIOR HAS
THE RIGHT TO LIVE
FREE FROM ABUSE,
NEGLECT, AND
EXPLOITATION.**



ABUSE CAN TAKE MANY FORMS, INCLUDING:

- **PHYSICAL ABUSE: HITTING, CAUSING INJURY**
- **EMOTIONAL ABUSE: THREATS, HUMILIATION**
- **NEGLECT: FAILING TO PROVIDE FOOD, MEDICATION**
- **FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION: SCAMS, THEFT, MISUSE OF ASSETS**

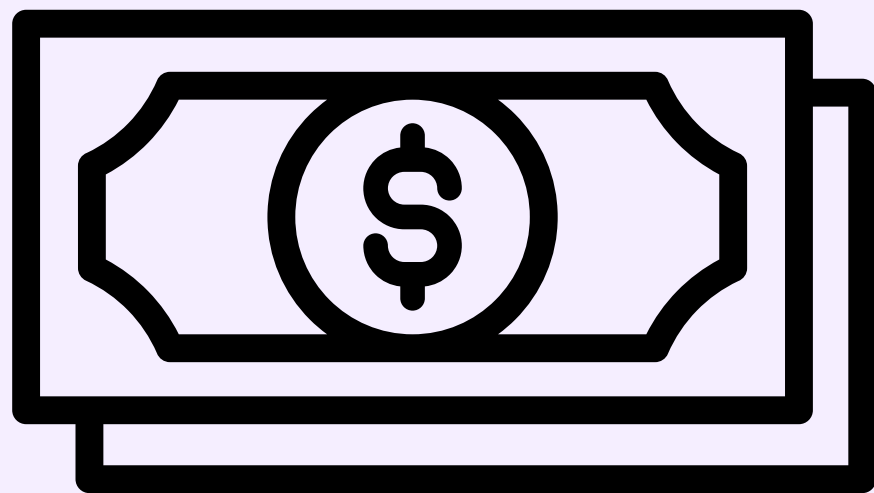
**IF ABUSE IS SUSPECTED, IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEEK HELP
FROM TRUSTED FAMILY MEMBERS, PROFESSIONALS, OR
LOCAL AUTHORITIES.**

ALWAYS REMEMBER: YOU ARE *NEVER* ALONE

Staying Safe & Informed

TO STAY PROTECTED:

- LEARN ABOUT COMMON SCAMS AND FRAUD TACTICS
- REGULARLY REVIEW FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS
- MAINTAIN OPEN COMMUNICATION WITH TRUSTED FAMILY MEMBERS OR CAREGIVERS
- SEEK PROFESSIONAL LEGAL OR FINANCIAL ADVICE WHEN NEEDED
- REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION PROMPTLY



Moving Forward...

GROWING OLDER SHOULD NEVER MEAN LOSING INDEPENDENCE, DIGNITY, OR BASIC RIGHTS. BY UNDERSTANDING THESE PROTECTIONS AND STAYING INFORMED, SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES CAN MAKE CONFIDENT DECISIONS AND HELP CREATE SAFER, MORE SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES FOR EVERYONE.

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IF YOU EVER NEED HELP REGARDING THESE ISSUES, 800-339-4661

Be the Change for Those You Love



Protect Memory. Preserve Dignity