

# Your voice may be the one she needs



**Elder Abuse**  
Institute of Maine

Elder abuse can happen anywhere. In nursing facilities, hospitals and even one's own home. In fact, it has been estimated that two thirds of the people that perpetrate abuse against elders are family members. The abuser could be an adult child, a spouse, or partner responsible for taking care of the elder.

To make a report or for more information, call toll-free (24 hours): **1-800-624-8404**

## A victim of elder abuse may not report it for a number of reasons:

- » She is afraid of retaliation.
- » She feels shame and guilt if the abuser is her child.
- » She is afraid of being abandoned or deprived of contact.
- » She worries she will lose her sole means of support

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Pay attention. Your voice may be the one  
needed to speak for an elder.

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### Confidentiality

Adult Protective Services maintains confidentiality of reporters except in very limited circumstance.

### Immunity

Anyone who makes a report in good faith is protected under the law if someone files a suit in a civil court.

For more resources or further detailed information, visit the website of Adult Protective Services go to: [www.maine.gov/dhhs/oes/aps/index.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oes/aps/index.shtml)

For online training regarding Mandated Reporting: [www.maine.gov/dhhs/oes/aps/training/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oes/aps/training/index.htm)

For more information regarding the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine, visit our website at [www.eaime.org](http://www.eaime.org)