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What is financial exploitation of vulnerable adults?

Financial exploitation is the illegal or improper use of funds, assets, or property, or the improper use of a power of attorney or guardianship.

What are the signs of financial exploitation?

- ✓ Unusual financial activity (e.g. large bank withdrawal or use of ATMs or credit cards not normally used)
- ✓ Missing checks or missing bank statements/records
- ✓ Address or names have been changed on accounts
- ✓ Purchases made without the individual's knowledge or consent
- ✓ Newly authorized signatures on accounts or forged signatures
- ✓ Evidence that the person fell victim to a scam
- ✓ Missing belongings
- ✓ Change to a financial power of attorney
- ✓ Change of ownership of bank accounts or the deed to a physical property such as a home

What are some risk factors of financial exploitation?

- ✓ Excessive spending or financial donations
- ✓ No oversight of finances
- ✓ Unaware of technology or modern payment methods
- ✓ Cognitive impairment or dementia
- ✓ Social isolation

What if I'm not sure?

Do you just have a "feeling" about a situation but can't verify the details? APS professionals are trained to assess each situation. Based on your report, your local APS agency will determine how best to respond.



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Reach out to Adult Protective Services if you notice signs of financial exploitation:

- ✓ **If you witness a life-threatening situation, immediately call 911.**
- ✓ Please contact the toll-free APS Hotline at (800) 898-4910 to report abuse.
- ✓ If you witness neglect or exploitation, you can report online by visiting https://redcap.link/APS_Online_Reporting_Form or by scanning the QR code at right. NOTE: Reports of physical or sexual abuse ARE NOT allowed to be made online; please call 1-800-898-4910 in those cases.
- ✓ Please note that you can make this report anonymously if you choose, but make sure to provide the following information:
 - » The individual's name and location
 - » Why they are at risk for abuse, self-neglect, neglect, or exploitation
 - » Descriptions of the situation, any important identifiers of the alleged abuser, or other dangers in their home environment

