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What is neglect of vulnerable adults?

Neglect is the failure, by a caregiver responsible for an adult's care or by other parties, to provide the proper or necessary support or medical, surgical, or any other care necessary for his well-being.

What are the signs of neglect?

Abandonment

The desertion or willful forsaking of an adult by anyone having care or custody of that person under circumstances in which a reasonable person would continue to provide care and custody.

Isolation

The intentional acts committed for the purpose of preventing, and which do serve to prevent, an adult from having contact with family, friends or concerned persons.

Financial Neglect

It involves disregarding a person's financial obligations such as failing to pay rent or mortgage, medical insurance or invoices, utility and garbage bills, property taxes and assessments.

Physical Neglect

Includes failing to attend to a person's medical, hygienic, nutrition and dietary needs, such as dispensing medications, failing to arrange doctors appointments, changing bandages, bathing, grooming, dressing, or failure to provide ample food to maintain health.

What are some risk factors of neglect?

- ✓ Occurrences of failing to provide needed supervision
- ✓ Instances of abandonment
- ✓ Excessive stress or burden on the caregiver
- ✓ Lack of resources and support for the caregiver
- ✓ Sudden increase in caregiver responsibilities
- ✓ Isolation of caregiver and vulnerable adult

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 neglect:

- ✓ **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

