



Vision: *A community where everyone has the opportunity to age successfully.*

Mission: *Promote the independence, dignity, and well-being of adults through service, education, and advocacy.*



Elder Justice Navigator

- Assists residents of Buncombe County, 60 and over, who have experienced a form of elder abuse.
- What is elder abuse? Any knowing, intentional, or harmful act that causes harm or risk of harm to a vulnerable adult. This includes: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or abandonment.

Trust the Council on Aging to provide personal, caring support and to assist you with the challenges of aging.

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Signs of Elder Abuse

- **Emotional and behavioral signs**– Fear and anxiety, isolation from family and friends, and withdrawal from normal activities
- **Physical Signs** – Unexplained bruises, unusual weight loss, unexplained sexually transmitted diseases, cuts, sores, and burns.
- **Financial Signs**– Frequent trips to the bank, a new “friend”, unpaid bills, sudden change to legal documents, like a will or Power of Attorney, and change in money management

Resources

- If you suspect abuse, call Buncombe County Adult Protective Services: 828-250-5800
- Reporting a scam to the North Carolina Attorney General Office: (877) 5-NO-SCAM
- AARP is a helpful resource for learning more about current fraud and scams.
- Call the Elder Justice Navigator for assistance with filing police reports, navigating the court system, and for more community resources.