

Colorado Aging & Adult Services
Adult Protective Services
1575 Sherman Street, Tenth Floor
Denver, CO 80203



For more information, please call:

**Colorado Aging & Adult
Services, Adult Protection
303-866-2800 (voice, TTD)**

or

**The Colorado Coalition for
Elder Rights &
Adult Protection
303-866-2849
1-800-773-1386**

or visit

**www.ColoradoAging.com
www.CCERAP.org**

SPEAK UP for **AT-RISK ADULTS**

Warning Signs of Abuse and Neglect

Sudden Changes in Behavior, Finances or lifestyle
Physical injuries, dehydration or malnourishment
Extrême withdrawal, depression or anxiety
Absence of basic care or necessities
Kept away from others

Unsanitary living conditions
Personal items or money missing

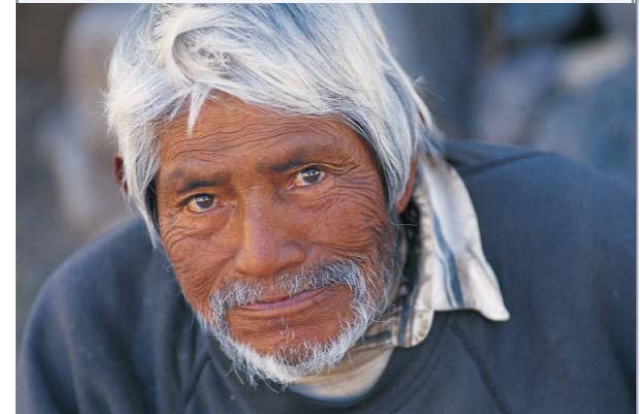
It's OK to Speak Up! Reports are confidential.



Pueblo County Department of Social Services
Adult Protective Services
Mailing Address only:
320 W. 10th Street Ste 207
Pueblo, CO 81003

Protecting At-risk Adults

.....Those adults most likely
to be abused, neglected, and
exploited.



**Pueblo County
Adult Protective Services**

**Reporting Line
719-583-6853
Monday-Friday
8AM to 4PM**

**Crisis Line
719-583-6699
After Hours/Weekends/
Holidays**

Who are At-Risk Adults?



At-risk adults are individuals over 18 with disabling conditions or seniors who are victims of abuse, neglect or other mistreatment.



- ◇ At-risk adults may have problems with their health and safety because they cannot care for themselves.
- ◇ At-risk adults may not be able to protect or care for themselves because they cannot understand or do not recognize there is a problem.
- ◇ At-risk adults may be abused, neglected or taken advantage of by people they trust and rely on for care.

What is Abuse?



- ◇ Physical abuse is hitting, slapping, pushing, kicking, burning, confining, or restraining an adult.
- ◇ Sexual abuse is sexual activity or touching without the adult's consent or understanding.
- ◇ Financial Exploitation is the use of an at-risk adult's money or property for another's advantage.
- ◇ Neglect is a lack of food, shelter, clothing, or care provided to an at-risk adult by a caregiver.
- ◇ Self-neglect is the inability or unwillingness of an at-risk adult to care for herself or himself. Choice of lifestyle, by itself, does not indicate self-neglect.



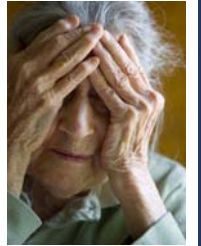
Reporting Abuse



To report concerns, contact Adult Protective Services at Pueblo County Department of Social Services.

What Happens When You Report?

When you call Adult Protective Services, any of the following things may happen:



1. A caseworker may get more information about the reported abuse by calling or visiting the at-risk adult or other interested parties.
2. A caseworker may help the adult get needed services that may solve the problem.*
3. The caseworker may provide you with helpful information.

*Note: An at-risk adult has the right to refuse protective services.