

REPORTING ELDER ABUSE

If you suspect that a vulnerable adult has been abused or neglected, you must refer the case to the medical examiner's office for an autopsy. A vulnerable adult is defined as an individual who is eighteen years of age or older who is unable to protect himself from abuse, neglect, or exploitation by others because of a physical or mental impairment.

You have a further legal duty to report the abuse or neglect to law enforcement or to an adult protective services worker pursuant to [A.R.S. § 46-454](#).