

**DUTY TO REPORT ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION  
OF A RESIDENT OR SUSPICION OF A CRIME AGAINST A  
RESIDENT OF THIS FACILITY**

**IF YOU HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A RESIDENT HAS BEEN OR IS LIKELY TO BE ABUSED, NEGLECTED, OR EXPLOITED OR IF YOU SUSPECT THAT A RESIDENT HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF ANY OTHER CRIME, YOU MUST REPORT THE INCIDENT IMMEDIATELY BUT NO LATER THAN 24 HOURS (AND NO LATER THAN 2 HOURS IF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY RESULTED) AS FOLLOWS:**

<p><b><u>ABUSE, NEGLECT OR EXPLOITATION</u></b> If you have knowledge or reason to believe that a resident of a facility operated by or contracted for operation by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health or the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs has been, or is likely to be, abused, neglected, or exploited, you must report the incident to the:</p> <p><b>South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)</b></p> <p><b>1-866-200-6066</b></p>	<p><b><u>ANY OTHER CRIME</u></b> If you have a reasonable suspicion that some other crime has been committed against a resident, report the incident to:</p> <p><b>Local Law Enforcement</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b><u>AND</u></b></p> <p><b>South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) Bureau of Certification Complaint Intake 803-545-4205 or 1-800-922-6735</b></p>
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**FAILURE TO REPORT ABUSE, NEGLECT OR EXPLOITATION MAY RESULT IN CRIMINAL CHARGES. FAILURE TO REPORT SOME OTHER CRIME AGAINST A RESIDENT MAY RESULT IN SANCTIONS AGAINST THE EMPLOYEE AND THE FACILITY. REPORTS OF DEATH MUST BE MADE TO SLED WITHIN 24 HOURS.**

Each nursing care facility and Intermediate Care Facility operated or contracted for operation by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health or the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, is required to display this notice prominently for the benefit of its residents, staff and the families of residents according to the South Carolina Code of Laws §43-35-65.

**VIOLATIONS OF RESIDENT'S RIGHTS**

Violations of resident's rights, standards of care or quality of living issues must be reported to the:

<b>Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman</b>	<b>1-803-734-9900</b>
<b>The Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging</b>	<b>OR</b>
<b>1301 Gervais Street, Suite 350</b>	<b>1-800-868-9095</b>
<b>Columbia, SC 29201</b>	<b>FAX: (803) 734-9988</b>