Concerned members of the community are urged to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation. With your help, vulnerable adults can be protected and receive services. If you are a mandated reporter, you should be aware of your duty to report and to make a direct report to the appropriate authority. Mandatory reporters are listed in Section 43-35-25 of the Omnibus Adult Protection Act. Failure to report may result in criminal charges.

At Home
If the person you are concerned about lives in their own home or in a relative’s home in the community, report immediately to your county Department of Social Services Adult Protective Services or to county law enforcement as appropriate.

Nursing Home/ Community Facility
If the person you are concerned about is a resident of a nursing home, assisted living or community residential care facility, or psychiatric hospital, report immediately to the State or Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.

Residential Program
If the person you are concerned about is in any residential program operated by or contracted for operation by the SC Department of Mental Health or the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, regardless of location, report immediately to: SLED - Special Victims Unit, toll-free at 866-200-6066.

Other Cases of Abuse
If suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation occurred to a CHILD, report immediately to your county Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services.

If suspected abuse occurs in any setting other than those described above, report immediately to your county Department of Social Services Adult Protective Services.

Vulnerable Adult
A person eighteen years of age or older who has a physical or mental condition which substantially impairs the person from adequately providing for his or her own care or protection. This includes a person who is impaired in the ability to adequately provide for the person’s own care or protection because of the infirmities of aging including, but not limited to, organic brain damage, advanced age, and physical, mental, or emotional dysfunction. A resident of a facility is a vulnerable adult.

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Please see the back of this sheet for relevant agency phone numbers.

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County Adult Protective Services Intake Telephone Numbers

Regional Offices: Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

REGION I - APPALACHIA AAA
Phone: 864-242-9733  Fax: 864-242-6957
Serves: Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg

REGION II - UPPER SAVANNAH AAA
Phone: 1-800-922-7729/864-941-8070  Fax: 864-941-8090
Serves: Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda

REGION III - CATAWBA AAA
Phone: 1-800-662-8330/803-329-9670  Fax: 803-329-6537
Serves: Chester, Lancaster, York, and Union Counties

REGION IV - CENTRAL MIDLANDS AAA
Phone: 1-800-391-1185/803-376-5389  Fax: 803-253-7542
Serves: Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, and Richland

REGION V - LOWER SAVANNAH AAA
Phone: 803-649-7981  Fax: 803-649-2248
Serves: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, and Orangeburg

REGION VI - SANTEE LYNCHES AAA
Phone: 1-800-548-1042/ 803-775-7381  Fax: 803-773-9903
Serves: Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, and Sumter

REGION VII - PEE DEE AAA
Phone: 843-383-8632 ext. 106  Fax: 843-383-8754
Serves: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, and Marlboro

REGION VIII - WACCAMAW AAA
Phone: 843-546-08502  Fax: 843-530-0642
Serves: Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg

REGION IX - TRIDENT AAA
Phone: 1-800-864-6446/ 843-2280-2281  Fax: 843-554-2284
Serves: Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester

REGION X - LOW COUNTRY AAA
Phone: 843-726-5536/ 843-524-2625  Fax: 843-726-5165
Serves: Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper

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