## Elder Abuse:

# KNOW THE SIGNS

and how to report it.

Utah law requires you to report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult to law enforcement or Adult Protective Services immediately.

To Report Elder Abuse, call 800-371-7897 or visit daas.utah.gov



#### **ABUSE**

- Unexplained bruises or welts
- Multiple bruises in various states of healing
- Unexplained fractures and abrasions
- Withdrawn, passive or fearful
- Reports or suspicions of sexual abuse

#### **NEGLECT**

- Dehydration
- Lack of glasses, dentures, or other aides if usually worn
- Malnourishment
- Inappropriate or soiled clothes
- Over or under medicated
- Deserted or Abandoned
- Unattended

### SELF-NEGLECT

- Over or under medicated
- Social isolation
- Malnourishment or dehydration
- Unkempt appearance
- Failure to keep medical appointments
- Lack of glasses, dentures, or other aides if needed

#### **EXPLOITATION**

- Disappearance of possessions
- Forced to sell house, change will, or sign over control of finances
- Overcharged for home repairs
- Inadequate living environment
- Unable to afford food, clothing, or social activities



