

Report suspected maltreatment of a vulnerable adult to the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center at **844-880-1574** which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Adult protection**

Minnesota strives to ensure safe environments and services for vulnerable adults and encourages reporting of suspected maltreatment.

The Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center provides a toll-free number, 844-880-1574, the general public can call to report suspected maltreatment of vulnerable adults. Mandated reporters—including law enforcement, educators, doctors, nurses, social workers and other licensed professionals—can use a web-based reporting system. Reports will be promptly submitted to the appropriate investigative agencies.

- [Definitions of vulnerable adult and maltreatment](#)
- [Reporting suspected maltreatment - Updated July 1, 2015](#)

Minnesota encourages good faith reporting of suspected maltreatment of vulnerable adults by any person. If you make a report, your identity is confidential and cannot be released without a court order.

Reports are reviewed to see if immediate protective services are needed. Reports of an alleged crime are referred to law enforcement. All reports of suspected maltreatment are also referred to a lead investigative agency, which may be the county or the state departments of Health or Human Services.

### **Mandated reporters**

Mandated reporters include law enforcement, educators, doctors, nurses, social workers and other licensed professionals.

Mandated reporters can use an online reporting tool. Instructions on how to use the tool will be provided through licensing agencies, boards and professional organizations.

Use of the mandated reporting form is self-explanatory and does not require training or experience. The form asks for information about the vulnerable adult, suspected maltreatment and alleged perpetrator.

When the completed form is submitted, mandated reporters will receive a report reference number for their records. Mandated reporters can download, save and print a copy of their report.

Reporting by phone remains an option for mandated reporters.