



Adult Protection Prioritization Guidelines

Reports received from the MN Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC) will be screened by the Adult Protection screening team taking into account:

- Jurisdiction
- Vulnerable adult criteria as defined in MN Statute 626.5571 Subd. 21
- The level of harm reported
- Prior allegations and history
- Adult Protection's role

****All 4 of the following criteria must be met for an Adult Protective investigative/assessment response****

1. The person meets the definition a Vulnerable Adult as defined by MN Statute 626.5571 Subd. 21

a. Functional Vulnerable Adult

- I. Does the person have a physical, mental, or emotional impairment that limits their ability to meet their needs for food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision?
 - Do they have dementia or other cognitive concerns?
 - Are they unable to meet basic needs for adequate nutrition, shelter, personal care, medical care, or supervision without assistance?

AND

- II. Is the person unable to protect themselves from harm?
 1. Can they identify that maltreatment is occurring?
 2. Are they able to seek assistance to end the maltreatment?
 3. Is the person able to prevent further maltreatment from occurring?

b. Categorical Vulnerable Adult

- I. Does the person receive licensed services or live in a licensed facility?
 1. Is the licensed service or facility related to an acute need?
 2. Was the person receiving the licensed service at the time of the alleged maltreatment?

2. The report alleges maltreatment as defined by MN Statute 626.5572

a. Abuse (Physical, Emotional, Sexual)

b. Neglect (Self-Neglect or Caregiver Neglect)

- I. Allegations of self-neglect will be referred to the Case Manager
- II. "Caregiver" means an individual or facility who has responsibility for all or a portion of the care of a vulnerable adult voluntarily, by contract, or by agreement.
 1. "Caregiver" does not include an unpaid caregiver who provides incidental care.
 2. There is no obligation under Minnesota law to provide care for another adult based on a family relationship.

c. Financial Exploitation



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- 3. Harm or detriment is alleged to have occurred**
 - a. Reports of risk or concern will be considered for referral elsewhere

- 4. Adult Protection has a role**
 - a. Can Adult Protection address or resolve the problem through an investigation of the maltreatment and/or referral to services?
 - b. If the person is deceased when the report is received, there is no role for Adult Protection.
 - c. If the person has a case manager/care coordinator, the Adult Protection screening team will determine if Adult Protection has a role.

***Supervisor discretion may be used to override these guidelines when deemed necessary**