



11 Things that Anyone Can Do to Prevent Elder Abuse

1 Learn the **signs of elder abuse and neglect**



2 **Call or visit an elderly loved one** and ask how he or she is doing

3 Provide a respite **break for a caregiver**



4 Ask your bank manager to train tellers on **how to detect elder financial abuse**

5 **Ask your doctor** to ask you and all other senior patients about possible family violence in their lives



6 **Contact your local Adult Protective Services or Long-Term Care Ombudsman** to learn how to support their work helping at-risk elders and adults with disabilities

7 Organize a **"Respect Your Elders" essay or poster contest** in your child's school

8 Ask your religious congregation's leader to **give a talk about elder abuse** at a service or to put a message about elder abuse in the bulletin

9 **Volunteer to be a friendly visitor** to a nursing home resident or to a homebound senior in your neighborhood

10 Send a letter to your local paper, radio or TV station suggesting that they cover **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** (June 15) or **Grandparents Day** in September



11 Dedicate your **bikeathon/marathon/other event** to elder mistreatment awareness and prevention

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month

As the mandated provider of Adult Protective Services (APS) in Cuyahoga County, the Division of Senior and Adult Services (DSAS) proudly supports Elder Abuse Awareness Month and Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2013. We are using these campaigns, along with our community partners, to break the silence around elder abuse. We all have a responsibility to support the safety, welfare, and dignity of Cuyahoga County's vulnerable and older adults. We urge all citizens to work together to help protect adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. If you would like one of our APS Staff to share information to seniors and families of your organization, or for more information, feel free to visit our website at <http://dsas.cuyahogacounty.us>.

To report an incident of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation, please call our intake line at (216) 420-6700.

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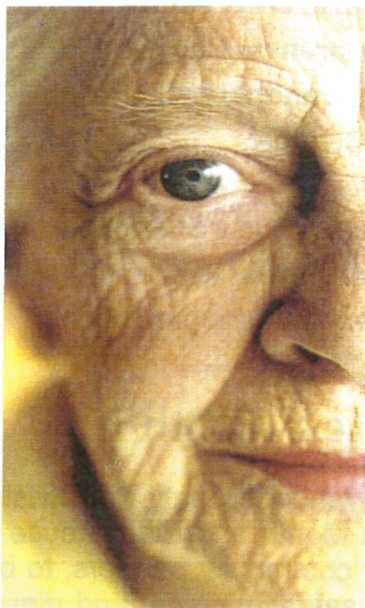
The mission of the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior & Adult Services is to provide quality in-home and community services to seniors, disabled and vulnerable adults based on individual need.

Ohio Elder Abuse Awareness Day

~ June 15, 2013 ~

See It. Report It. Stop It.

My World... Your World... Our World - Free of Elder Abuse



Commemorate
Elder Abuse Awareness Day
Saturday, June 15, 2013.

Show the world you care about ending
elder abuse and neglect by wearing
something purple.

Abuse Ignores Age.

If you suspect that an elderly Cuyahoga County resident is the victim of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation, report it. Call the Elder Abuse Hotline at (216) 420-6700 24/7, *including holidays*. DSAS is the mandated provider of adult protective services in Cuyahoga County. The intent of the adult protective services is to protect and assist adults 60+ who may be victims of abuse, neglect, self-neglect and/or financial exploitation. APS is mandated by the Ohio Revised Code (Section 5101.60 and 5101.71).