



# Everyone Deserves a Safe Home.



## Signs of Possible Abuse

- Numerous unpaid bills when someone has been designated to pay them
- Change in spending patterns
- Unusual bank account activity, such as withdrawals from ATMs when he or she cannot get to the bank
- Withdrawn, confused or extremely forgetful
- Depressed, helpless or angry
- Hesitant to talk freely
- Frightened or Secretive
- Distrust of friends, doctors and even close relatives
- Uncombed or matted hair
- Poor skin condition or hygiene
- Patches of hair missing or bleeding scalp
- Any untreated medical condition
- Malnourished or dehydrated
- Unexplained bruises, welts or scratches
- Injuries that are incompatible with explanations

*Adapted from A Citizen's Guide to Preventing and Reporting Elder Abuse.*

# Help Stop Dependent Adult Abuse.

**If you suspect abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation, call the Iowa Department of Human Services. Your call could make the difference.**

## Report Dependent Adult Abuse

24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

**1-800-362-2178**

