



Promoting Justice for Older Americans



Combatting elder abuse and financial fraud targeted at seniors is a key priority of the Department of Justice. Elder abuse is an intentional or negligent act by any person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to an older adult. It is a term used to describe five subtypes of elder abuse: physical abuse, financial fraud, scams and exploitation, caregiver neglect and abandonment, psychological abuse, and sexual abuse. Elder abuse is a serious crime against some of our nation's most vulnerable citizens, affecting at least 10% of older Americans every year. Together with our federal, state, local and tribal partners, the Department of Justice is steadfastly committed to combatting all forms of elder abuse and financial exploitation through enforcement actions, training and resources, research, victim services, and public awareness. This holistic and robust response demonstrates the Department's unwavering dedication to fighting for justice for older Americans.



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WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?



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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Protecting Seniors from Fraud Act of 2000

Financial Literacy and Education Improvement Act of 2003

Elder Justice Act of 2010

Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act of 2017

Senior Safe Act of 2018

Fair Credit Reporting Act of 2018

Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act of 2018



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EAPPA OF 2017

National EJ Coordinator EJCs

Training
Data Collection
Model Legislation
Report to Congress





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DATA COLLECTION

EAPPA Data page

- Data Overview
 - -ACL NAMRS
 - -FBI NIBRS
 - -FTC Sentinel Database
 - -FinCEN SARs
- Recommendations

Task Force to Develop Data Recommendations



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MODEL LEGISLATION

Power of Attorney

Guardianship



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ELDER JUSTICE COORDINATORS

Collaboration/coordination with federal and state EJ professionals

Extensive training

Increase number of federal prosecutions





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