

## SIGNS OF ABUSE

- ◆ Unexplained burns, welts, scratches, bruises, fractures, dislocations, sores, or sprains
- ◆ Lacks needed dentures, glasses, hearing aids or medication
- ◆ Lacks needed supervision
- ◆ Malnourishment
- ◆ Mistrust of others, withdrawn from normal activities
- ◆ Personal belongings missing
- ◆ Property or savings mismanaged
- ◆ Severe anxiety, fearfulness, depression
- ◆ Sudden or frequent changes in will or power of attorney or property transfers that the adult is unable to comprehend
- ◆ Unpaid bills
- ◆ Home cluttered, filthy, in disrepair, has fire or safety hazards
- ◆ Untreated medical conditions
- ◆ Lack of basic hygiene, adequate food, or clean and appropriate clothing
- ◆ Person confined to bed is left without care
- ◆ Caregiver isolates adult or fails to provide for adult's needs
- ◆ Caregiver is verbally aggressive or demeaning, controlling, overly concerned about spending money, or uncaring
- ◆ Unexplained sexually transmitted diseases

## Partner with VCPEA

No membership is required to join VCPEA and work with others to assure that seniors and adults with a disability in Virginia live free of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

To assist with the work of VCPEA (such as making a contribution in support of a conference scholarship to help someone attend our annual conference who may not be able to otherwise), please contact VCPEA at [info@vcpea.org](mailto:info@vcpea.org). To be a conference sponsor, please visit our website at [www.vcpea.org](http://www.vcpea.org).

Or you can mail your donation with your check payable to VCPEA to:

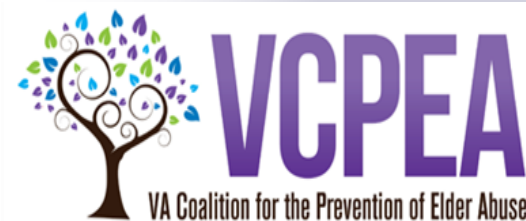
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**To report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation, call the toll-free, 24-hour hotline at 1-888-832-3858**

## WHAT IS VCPEA?

The Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Inc. (VCPEA) is a non-profit, all-volunteer coalition of individuals and agency representatives committed to improving the lives of older Virginians and Virginians with a disability. Our Board of Directors represents a variety of organizations and professions. We are service providers, practitioners, educators, emergency services, and trainers. We represent the areas of law enforcement, social services, community mental health, academic programs, programs for the aging, state and local government, emergency services, and legal advocacy.

Connect with VCPEA and work with others to assure that older Virginians and adults with a disability in Virginia live a life free of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

No membership is required to become an active participant in the effort to ensure the rights and safety of vulnerable adults in Virginia.

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## COMMITTEES

Contribute your talents by working on special task groups or joining a committee.

**Annual Conference Committee.** This committee is responsible for planning, organizing, and hosting VCPEA's Annual Conference. The committee shall establish subcommittees, including but not limited to, arranging for the conference venue, fundraising, obtaining speakers and sponsors, recruiting vendors, preparing the conference program, managing conference scholarships (if offered), and conducting evaluations of the conference. All Executive Team members shall participate on the annual conference committee.

**Finance Committee.** This committee is responsible for the monitoring and promoting the fiscal health and well-being of the Coalition.

**Executive Committee.** This committee, consisting of all of the elected officers of the Board, is responsible for spearheading work groups to address time-specific tasks. These work groups will convene as needed to completed tasks, to include, but not limited to, the following: web-based awareness activities, TAPAS, nominating, membership.

***Abuse Hurts  
at Any Age!***

## PUBLIC AWARENESS

Since 1993, VCPEA has been a leader in promoting awareness, training, and education on behalf of Virginia's abused, neglected, or exploited adults.

**Annual Conference** VCPEA hosts the only statewide conference that focuses on adult abuse issues alone. Our conference is held in May of each year.

**Public Awareness** VCPEA shares educational resources about adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Information is available for downloading on our website. There is also free, online training for mandated reporters of adult abuse. To take the training, ADS5055 Mandated Reporters: Recognizing and Reporting Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Adults, go to [https://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/as/mandated\\_reporters/ads5055/index.html](https://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/as/mandated_reporters/ads5055/index.html).

**Training and Professional Awareness Support (TAPAS) Grants** VCPEA has funding to support local, regional, and statewide training and professional awareness events that directly address the problems of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation in Virginia. Eligible applicants include any Virginia-based non-profit organization, unit of local or state government, regional authority, or advocacy organization with mission statements, programs, or mandates that are consistent with the mission of the VCPEA: "to assure older Virginians a life free of abuse, neglect, and exploitation." Go to [www.vcpea.org](http://www.vcpea.org) for details.

*VCPEA is a 501c3 organization under the federal tax code and is also registered with Virginia's Office of Consumer Affairs.*