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What is neglect?

Neglect includes failures by individuals to support the physical, emotional and social needs of adults dependent on others for their care and well-being. Neglect can take the form of not providing adequate food, medications, or access to health care professionals.

What are the signs of neglect?

Abandonment

Occurs when a caregiver relinquishes his or her caregiving duties and neglects to arrange for sufficient care and support for the individual during his or her absence.

Emotional Neglect

Failure to meet the individual's emotional well-being such as: isolation, not letting them have contact with friends or family members, and taking away personal possessions (mail, phone, etc.).

Financial Neglect

Involves disregarding a person's financial obligations such as: failing to pay rent or mortgage, medical insurance or invoices, utility and garbage bills, property taxes and assessments.

Physical Neglect

Failing to attend to a person's medical, hygienic, nutrition and dietary needs, such as: dispensing medications, failing to follow through with prescribed care, changing bandages, bathing, grooming, dressing, or failing to provide ample food to maintain health.

Risk for a victim of caretaker neglect could include:

- ✓ Isolation
- ✓ Fear of speaking up due to being reliant on caregiver
- ✓ Lack of in-home supports
- ✓ Appearing hungry or malnourished
- ✓ Missing medical appointments
- ✓ Blaming oneself for problems that arise with family or caregivers

What if I'm not sure?

Do you just have a "feeling" about a situation but can't verify the details? APS workers are trained to handle just this type of situation. Based on your report, the agency will assess the situation and determine how best to respond. Your local APS agency can determine the best course of action.



CONTACT APS

Reach out to Adult Protective Services if you notice signs of neglect:



Utah Department of
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Aging & Adult Services

- ✓ Call 1-800-371-7897
- ✓ Report online 24/7 at daas.utah.gov