Our Mission
To review, investigate, and prosecute crimes committed against older adults in Bucks County; to prevent crimes against older adults through professional training and community education; and to increase community awareness of available resources for services.

Contact Information
IF YOU SUSPECT ABUSE YOU SHOULD REPORT IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU ARE NOT ALONE WHEN SEEKING HELP.
PENNSYLVANIA'S 24 HOUR ELDER ABUSE HOTLINE
1-800-490-8505

Member Organizations
Bucks County District Attorney's Office
215-348-6344

Bucks County Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
215-348-0510

Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA)
215-343-6543
1-800-675-6900

Bucks County Consumer Protection
215-348-6060

Bucks County Register of Wills
215-348-6265

Bucks County Coroner
215-348-3852

Bucks County Crimes Against Older Adults Task Force

Fighting Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Older Adults in Bucks County
The Bucks County Crimes Against Older Adults Task Force

Bucks County District Attorney Diane E. Gibbons established this Task Force as a Multidisciplinary Group for the Purpose of Reviewing, Investigating, Prosecuting and Preventing Crimes Against Older Adults.

The task force meets monthly to review current criminal cases and discuss new investigations. The task force works with local law enforcement and other organizations who advocate for the protection and rights of the older adults of Bucks County.

Recognizing Signs of Abuse

You can help stop the abuse of older adults that may be occurring. In many cases, an abused or neglected older adult is totally dependent on the abuser. Learning common signs of abuse can help you spot abuse in your own family or community:

**Physical Abuse**
- unexplained injuries
- presence of bruises, burns, scratches or other injuries
- inappropriate use of physical restraints or medication
- lack of reaction to pain

**Emotional Abuse**
- victim is withdrawn, secretive, or hesitant to talk freely around caregiver
- victim is isolated, contact with others is restricted

**Neglect of Care**
- poor hygiene, dirty or torn clothing, unsanitary living conditions
- untreated medical conditions
- malnourished, dehydrated
- bedsores and skin lesions
- untreated medical conditions
- diversion of needed drugs

**Financial Exploitation**
- overcharging for services
- lost, stolen, or destroyed property
- mismanagement of personal funds (missing checks)
- overdrawn accounts
- changes in spending patterns
- unnecessary home improvements
- sudden changes in estate planning

**Sexual Abuse**
- sexually transmitted diseases
- trauma/injuries to genital area