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What to Do If You Suspect an Elder is Being Abused

- **Most cases of elder abuse do not get reported.**
- **Do not assume that someone else will report the harm done to an elderly person.**
- **Don't assume that the victim is willingly in the abusive situation, can solve the problem him/herself, or does not want help. The elder victim may not know that help is available, not know how or who to ask for help, or may be afraid of being shamed or receiving further harm from the perpetrator if s/he tells someone about the abuse.**
- **You do not need to prove that the person is being abused. That is the responsibility of the investigating agencies**

(Adult Protective Services, Law Enforcement, Long Term Care Ombudsman).

- **You can make a report anonymously, though it is helpful for investigating agencies to have the ability to contact you if they need more information.**
- **Get basic identifying information about the elder victim and, possibly, the suspect.**
- **Phone numbers to call:**
 - **Fresno County Adult Protective Services:
(559) 600-3383 or (800) 418-1426**
 - **Fresno Police Dept.: (559) 621-7000**
 - **Fresno County Sheriff: (559) 488-3111**
 - **Madera County Adult Protective Services:
(559) 675-7839**
 - **Madera City Police: (559) 675-4200**
 - **Madera County Sheriff: (559) 675-7770**
 - **Clovis Police Dept.: (559) 324-2800**
 - **Long Term Care Ombudsman: (559) 224-9177
(For Residents in Care Facilities)**