

STEARNS COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
Vulnerable Adult Maltreatment Investigation Priorities

Maltreatment reports for which Stearns County is the lead agency for investigation will be screened for investigation, taking into account the seriousness of the incident as well as prior allegations regarding the alleged perpetrator. The following is a general guide showing which reports will be assigned for investigation.

I. A Report Which Alleges Abuse:

A. Physical Abuse

1. Visible injuries (bruises, abrasions, etc.)
2. Injury which requires medical attention (whether or not medical attention was sought)
3. There is information that this or other vulnerable adults would be subject to additional harm

B. Emotional/Mental Abuse

1. The vulnerable adult demonstrates behaviors that could possibly be attributed to mental/emotional abuse such as isolating, changes in behaviors or affect, self-injury, unwillingness or inability to communicate with others, etc., and there is no other evident reason for these behaviors
2. There is information that this or other vulnerable adults would be subject to additional harm

C. Sexual Abuse

1. Non-consensual or coercive consensual sexual intercourse, oral sex, or touching/contact with the vulnerable adult's breasts or genitalia
2. Injury which requires medical attention (whether or not medical attention was sought)
3. There is information that this or other vulnerable adults would be subject to additional harm

D. Involuntary Servitude

1. Forced prostitution or heavy labor
2. There is information that this or other vulnerable adults would be subject to additional harm

II. A Report Which Alleges Neglect:

A. Neglect by Caretaker

1. The vulnerable adult was harmed
2. The vulnerable adult was placed in a situation where there was significant risk of imminent and serious harm
3. There is information that this or other vulnerable adults would be subject to additional harm

B. Self-Neglect

1. Information becomes available (during adult protection activities) that indicates the underlying cause of apparent self-neglect is a person other than vulnerable adult
2. There is information that this or other vulnerable adults would be subject to additional harm

III. A Report Which Alleges Financial Exploitation:

1. The amount of the alleged loss of funds will adversely deprive the vulnerable adult
 - Vulnerable adult with clothing and personal needs allowance with a loss of more than \$20
 - Vulnerable adults living independently with a loss of more than \$100
2. There is information that this or other vulnerable adults would be subject to additional harm