

# ***PROTECTING VULNERABLE ADULTS***



**Are you concerned about an older or dependent adult?** By calling one number, you can assist elderly and dependent adults, who may need help but may be unable to get it for themselves. It's easy to help.

## **Look for changes in:**

- Communication:** confusion, forgetfulness, hostility
- Economics:** confusion concerning money matters, difficulty in paying bills or affording basic needs
- Emotional Health:** poor eating or sleeping, Recent loss of spouse or loved one, Extreme fidgeting or withdrawal
- Personal Appearance:** dirty clothes, unkempt, uncombed or unshaven
- Physical Limitations:** severe difficulty in seeing, speaking, hearing or moving
- Social Condition:** alone, isolated, possible victim of abuse, neglect or exploitation
- Household Appearance:** neglected yard, old newspapers lying about, house needing repair, unattended pet

**If you are concerned about the safety or well-being of an elderly or dependent adult,  
Call 1-888-436-3600 (California)  
*24-hour emergency assistance***

The specialized Adult Protective Services staff will assess the person's needs and contact appropriate social and health services, including medical and personal care, household chore services, food and transportation.