

ELDER JUSTICE/ABUSE RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Livingston County Catholic Charities

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www.LivingstonCC.org 1-517-545-5944

<u>Abuse</u>

Suspected elder or adult abuse, neglect or exploitation. Report for investigation.

Adult Protective Services (24 hrs.)

LACASA (24 hrs.)

National Eldercare Locator

www.eldercare.gov

855-444-3911

866-522-2725

800-677-1116

Area Agency on Aging/Aging and Disability Resource Center

Assist in finding local Agencies that can give you information about aging and disability services.

Area Agency on Aging 1B 800-852-7795 www.aaa1b.org

Attorney General

Attorney Generals can take action against consumer fraud.

Michigan State Atty. Gen. Dana Nessel 517-373-1110 www.michigan.gov/aq

Better Business Bureau

Consumers can file complaints against businesses.

BBB Detroit 866-788-5706 www.bbb/detroit/consumer

LEGAL SERVICES

Dispute Resolution Services	517-546-6007
South Central MI Legal Service	517-394-3121
www.cvlap.org	
MI Long Term Care Ombudsman	866-485-9393
Legal Hotline for Older MI Citizens	517-372-5959

Local Law Enforcement

Emergency assistance	911
Liv. Co. Sheriff	517-546-2440
Liv. Co. Prosecutor	517-546-1850
Brighton Police	810-227-2700
Fowlerville Police	517-223-8711
Green Oak Police	810-231-1122
Hamburg Police	810-231-9391
Howell Police	517-546-2440
Michigan State Police	810-227-1051
Pinckney/Putnam Police	734-878-3700
Unidilla Police	734-498-2325

Meditors

Conflict resolution/Mediation can help resolve disputes and may sometimes be an alternative to legal action.

www.acrnet.org (click on Membership then Membership Directory then search for your area by zip code.)

Medicaid/Medical Assistance

State Agencies that assist with Medicaid and medical issues.

Centers for Medicare/Medicaid 800-803-7174 www.Cms.gov

Liv. Co. Catholic Charities 517-545-5944

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

This unit investigates and prosecutes abuse and fraud by health care providers.

National Association of Medicaid Fraud 202-326-6000 namfcuasst@naag.org

Other Resources

Alzheimer Association www.alz.org

AARP.org/fraudwatchnetwork

Elder Care Locator 800-677-1116 www.eldercare.acl.gov

Federal Information on Reverse Side

Should you need assistance with contacting any of these agencies or to discuss a potential situation with one of our Elder Abuse Coordinators, Please call Livingston County Catholic Charities, At 517-545-5944 or email:

Beth@livingstoncatholiccharities.org

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Federal Agencies

Numerous federal agencies play a role in combatting fraud/ abuse and educating consumers. Contact them for more information.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 855-411-2372 wwg.consumerfinance.gov

Department of Veterans Affairs 888-407-0144 www.venefits.va.gov/fiduciary

Do Not Call Registry 888-382-1222 <u>www.donotcall.gov</u>

Federal Bureau of Investigation www.fbi.gov/scams-safety

Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force www.stopfraud.gov

Identity Theft

877-438-4338 <u>www.ldentitytheft,com</u>

Identitytheft.gov/SSA

Postal Inspection Service

877-772-1213 https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/

Scams

877-382-4357 www.ftc.gov/complaint

Social Security Administration

800-772-1213 www.socialsecurity.gov/payee

Computer Safety Tips ftc.gov/onguardonline

Tips for Older Adults ftc.gov/Passiton

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EXAMPLES OF SCAMS TO WATCH FOR:

These are just examples there are too many to list all. Pay attention, never give anyone information over the phone. Trust your gut instinct. No honest company is going to ask you to pay with gift cards.

Family/Friend or Neighbor - not having proper authority to oversee your finances. They must have your permission or be court appointed.

Fake Utility Company - indicating you are behind in your payment. They claim you'll be shut off.

Social Security Imposter – Wants your number to ensure you are who you are.

Computer Virus – Threat that you may use all your photos, info etc.

DNA Cancer Screening – Claim people have died by not taking the test.

Missed Jury Duty – They claim there is a warrant out for your arrest because you didn't show.

IRS – They claim you made criminal mistakes in your past filings and will be arrested.

Grandparent Scheme – They claim to be a grandchild and need help immediately.

Girlfriend or Boyfriend Scheme – they befriend you and continue to have sinarous that need you to send them money to help them get out of the situation. Usually online via the computer.

Home Maintenance – usually want cash up front and do not complete the job. Check with the better business bureau and use reputable companies or referrals from family members.





