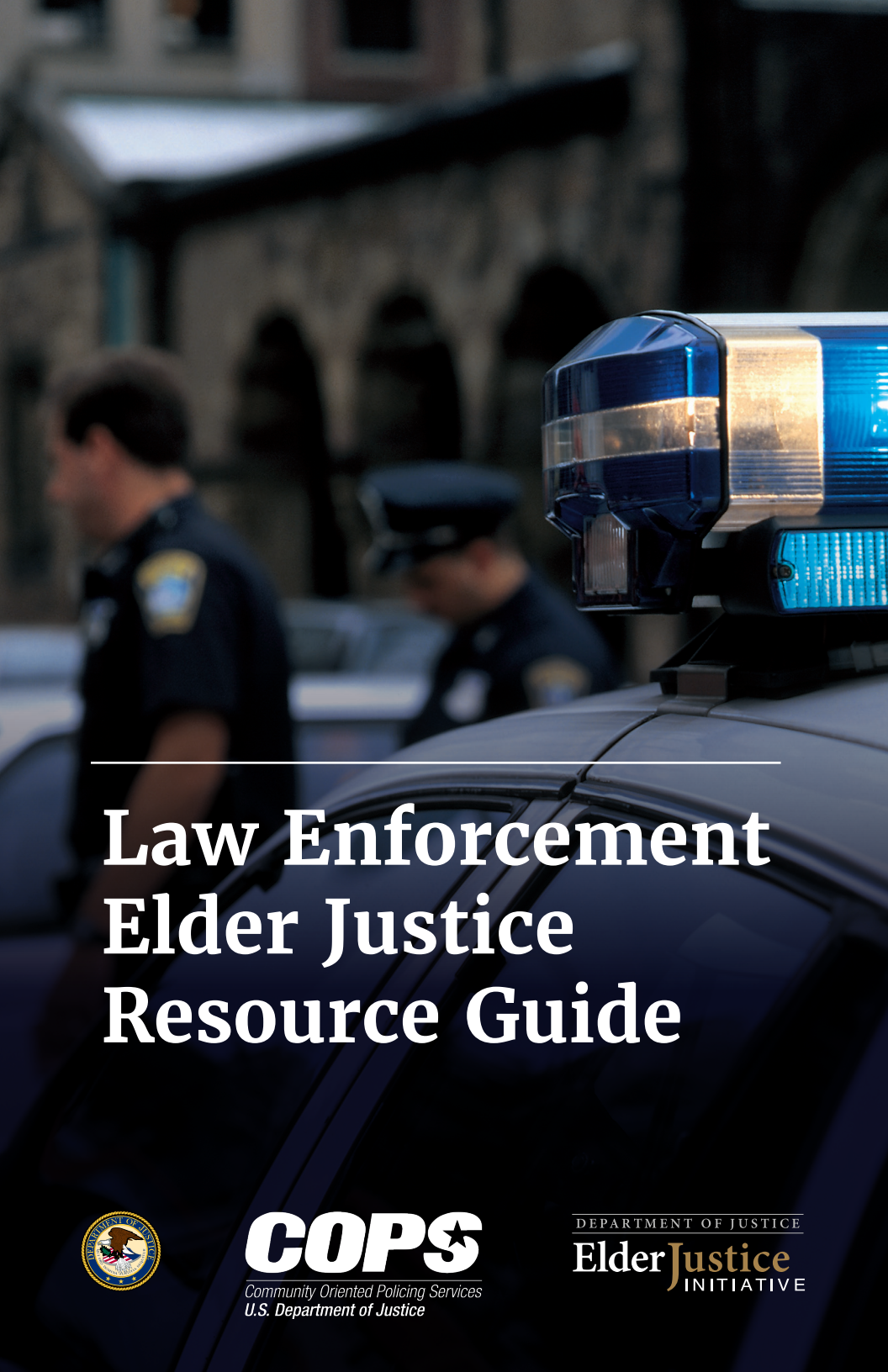




Law Enforcement Elder Justice Resource Guide



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Here's How We Can Help

It is often the case that having the right training or tools can make all the difference between successfully identifying and prosecuting a crime or not. That is why the Department of Justice has prioritized making sure that local, state and federal law enforcement officers have the training, tools, and resources necessary to effectively respond to elder abuse, neglect, financial fraud and exploitation. This Law Enforcement Elder Justice Resource Guide is a compilation of all those resources and we hope a meaningful contribution to our collective effort to promote justice for older Americans.

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Website



DOJ Elder Justice Websites

EJI Law Enforcement Webpage

Designed for law enforcement, this webpage provides information and training to more effectively respond to crimes against older adults.



[Explore EJI law enforcement resources](#)

COPS Office Elder Justice Training Portal

This training portal provides training, articles, guides, publications and reports, podcasts, toolkits, and other websites and resources.



[Visit the COPS Office elder justice webpage](#)

Tools

EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement)

Web module for law enforcement to better respond to elder abuse cases, including investigative checklists, state specific statutes, quickly locate local resources, and engage in training activities.



Visit the EAGLE website



EAGLE flyer (.pdf, 190.40 KB)



Sign up for the EAGLE newsletter



SAFTA (Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting) Tool

SAFTA is an easy-to-use tool that provides a simplified method for identifying suspicious financial patterns to facilitate the prosecution of financial exploitation of older adults.



Visit the SAFTA webpage



SAFTA flyer (.pdf, 543.10 KB)



Watch the SAFTA training video



Request Live Training

NW3C Financial Crimes Against Seniors Seminar

The NW3C can provide in-person training on financial crimes against seniors in your community.

Topics include recognizing elder abuse, working with victims, identifying perpetrators, and resources for investigation and community awareness. Students work together to conduct a mock investigation into a hypothetical case.



[Request NW3C training](#)

SAFE (Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing For Elders)

Victim-centered forensic interviewing protocol for use with older adults grounded in forensic interviewing best practices.



Arrange to offer SAFE training

NCEA EAGLE In-Person Training

Communities can apply to receive EAGLE in-person training for law enforcement and other elder justice professionals (in person or virtually) from the NCEA.



Apply for NCEA EAGLE in-person training

On-Demand Training

NW3C EAGLE Online Elder Abuse Training

EAGLE Online Elder Abuse Training, offered through the NW3C, is mobile-friendly training certified by the IADLEST National Certification Program™ for one-hour of POST credit in **36 states**.



[Visit NW3C EAGLE online training](#)

Approaching Alzheimer's First Responder Training

Approaching Alzheimer's: First Responder Training program is a free, online training that features high-quality content in an interactive format, developed by the Alzheimer's Association with input from first responders.



[Learn about Approaching Alzheimer's:
First Responder Training](#)



NW3C Responding to Transnational Elder Fraud

This course offers background information on transnational fraud and tips for identifying and interviewing older victims through a trauma-informed lens when the perpetrator is not in the US. It highlights victim resources, law enforcement resources, and multidisciplinary support to investigations.



**Learn about NW3C Responding to
Transnational Elder Fraud training**

The Beat: A COPS Office Podcast

Four podcasts on the role of law enforcement in elder abuse cases, collecting evidence in physical, sexual and neglect cases, recognizing that financial exploitation is a crime, and a law enforcement program for protecting vulnerable citizens.



**The Role of Law Enforcement in
Recognizing and Responding to Elder
Abuse**



**Collecting Evidence in Elder Abuse and
Neglect Cases**



**Financial Exploitation & Scams Are a
Crime: Correcting Misperceptions and
Collecting Evidence**



**You Are Not Alone: A Law Enforcement
Approach to Monitoring the Needs of
Vulnerable Citizens**

Elder Abuse Roll Call Videos

A series of six roll call videos designed for patrol officers to quickly recognize and respond to various types of elder abuse (financial exploitation, neglect, physical abuse, and false imprisonment).



Explore and watch the Elder Abuse Roll Call videos

NCEA Interviewer Training for Law Enforcement Officers

7-minute video featuring law enforcement officers and experts providing best practices for interviewing older adults.



Watch the Interviewer Training for Law Enforcement Officers video



NW3C Technology-Facilitated Elder Fraud

This course provides law enforcement with the tools and knowledge needed to combat the growing threat of technology-facilitated scams targeting older adults.



Explore Technology-Facilitated Elder Fraud training

NW3C Financial Crimes Learning Path (FCLP): Elder Fraud Prevention and Response Paths

This learning path consists of five courses totaling 8 credit hours.

- Five self-paced courses: FC104, FC175, FC106, FC160, and Shamrock Crypto Webinar
- A one-hour recorded video session with NW3C staff



View the Elder Fraud Prevention and Response Path training

Law Enforcement Webinars

EJI hosts an ongoing series of webinars, many of which are specifically designed for law enforcement working in the elder abuse arena.



[View law enforcement webinars](#)

Responding to Elder Abuse: What Law Enforcement Should Know

A 15-minute video describing what law enforcement needs to know about elder abuse.



[Watch the Responding to Elder Abuse: What Law Enforcement Should Know video](#)

NW3C Victim-Centered Solutions to Elder Exploitation

This online course is a series of ten victim centered, interactive web-based training modules covering trauma-informed promising practices for detecting and responding to elder financial exploitation.



[Learn more about Victim-Centered Solutions to Elder Exploitation online course](#)

Elder Abuse Investigations Training for Law Enforcement and Other Investigators

This series of 23 short e-learning modules (developed by NCALL) offer law enforcement officers, investigators, and other first responders an opportunity to access training on elder abuse at any time, from anywhere, covering a range of relevant topics.



**Explore Elder Abuse Investigations
Training for Law Enforcement and Other
Investigators**



Collaborations

Working with Adult Protective Services (APS)

Flyer for law enforcement explaining APS and how working collaboratively with APS benefits law enforcement.



[View the Working with APS \(.pdf, 298.87 KB\)](#)

APS: Your Partner in Combatting Elder Abuse

Flyer for law enforcement explaining some differences between APS and law enforcement designed to facilitate a good working relationship.



[View the Your APS Partner \(.pdf, 164.34 KB\)](#)

Law Enforcement: Building Stronger Cases with Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT)

Flyer for law enforcement explaining how working with APS through a MDT can assist in criminal investigations.



[View the Working with MDTs \(.pdf, 182.59 KB\)](#)

State and Federal Collaborations

Learn about a federal-state working group in Portland, Oregon, dubbed Social Services Fraud Working Group investigating financial crimes against older adults.



**Watch the Federal-State Working Group:
Fraud Against Older Oregonians**

Features a federal-state partnership that successfully fought against computerized autodialing “robocall” scammers.



**Watch the Tackling Transnational
Robocall Scams: The Importance of State
and Federal Partnerships**



Peer Support and Technical Assistance

National Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse (NEDAA) Community

NEDAA Community is a secure online forum where prosecutors and investigators from across the country can learn from one another and collaborate on issues involving elder abuse prosecution.



To join, email: lbell@cdaa.org

Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Peer Support Community

Join the MDT Peer Support Community for elder justice MDT members to communicate with and learn from one another.



Join the MDT Peer Support Community



Elder Justice Network Locator Map

The Elder Justice Network Locator Map is designed to enable elder justice professionals to locate and collaborate with elder justice networks/teams across the nation.



[Start collaborating today](#)

Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center (MDT TAC)

The MDT TAC provides tools, resource materials, and individualized consultations to facilitate the expansion of elder abuse case review MDTs across the nation.



[Learn more about the MDT TAC](#)



Educational Materials

National Elder Justice Law Enforcement Summit

In February 2024, EJI hosted the first nationwide EJI convening of local, state, federal, and Tribal law enforcement focusing on elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation and fraud. Summit recorded sessions and other materials for law enforcement are available to view or download.



**[Visit the National Elder Justice Law
Enforcement Summit webpage](#)**

Legal Issues Related to Elder Abuse: A Pocket Guide for Law Enforcement

A comprehensive guide for law enforcement responding to elder abuse, including a list of alternative charges and explanations for aspects of elder abuse such as powers of attorney and other legal terms.



[View the Legal Issues Pocket Guide \(.pdf, 1.17 MB\)](#)

Financial Crimes Against the Elderly Problem-Oriented Guide for Police

A comprehensive 88-page guide for law enforcement addressing the problem of financial crimes against the elderly (2003).



[View the Financial Crimes Guide \(.pdf, 2.17 MB\)](#)

Physical and Emotional Abuse of the Elderly Problem-Oriented Guide for Police

A 64-page guide for law enforcement on responding to physical and emotional abuse of the elderly (2010).



[View the Physical and Emotional Abuse Guide \(.pdf, 1.57 MB\)](#)

Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Resource Guide

This guide presents resources for professionals, including law enforcement (pp. 22-23), as well as resources for community outreach.



[View the Rural and Tribal Resource Guide \(.pdf, 7.23 MB\)](#)

Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium

Learn about access to justice issues in elder abuse cases involving possible diminished decision-making capacity.



[Explore the Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium](#)

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) and Elder Abuse

Learn about issues related to elder abuse when victims are persons living with ADRD.



Learn about Home Safe The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities (IACP)



View the Law Enforcement Resources on Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia (IACP)



Learn about Communicating with Someone with Dementia (Alzheimer's Association)



Resources to Share with the Community

EJI Outreach

Find downloadable community presentations, elder abuse pamphlets and ways older adults can get involved in community activities to prevent elder abuse and financial exploitation.



[Visit the EJI Outreach webpage](#)



Elder Justice Neighborhood Resources

The Elder Justice Neighborhood Resources page can help you identify state level services and resources available to elder abuse victims and their families.



Find Elder Justice Neighborhood Resources



National Elder Fraud Hotline

The National Elder Fraud Hotline has specially trained hotline operators to assist older victims of financial fraud and other forms of elder abuse.



**Visit the National Elder Fraud
Hotline webpage**

IC3 Public Service Announcement (PSA) for Older Adults

Share with your community this PSA encouraging the public to file reports of elder financial fraud through the IC3 electronic reporting system.



[Watch the IC3 PSA](#)

TRIADS

A Triad is a partnership of three organizations — law enforcement, older adults, and community groups — educating the public by sponsoring crime prevention and public education for older adults.



[Learn more about the National Association of Triads](#)

Organization Acronyms

CDAAs	California District Attorneys Association
COPS	Community Oriented Policing Services
DOJ	U.S. Department of Justice
EJI	Elder Justice Initiative
IADLEST	International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training
IC3	Internet Crime Complaint Center
NCALL	National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life
NCEA	National Center on Elder Abuse
NW3C	National White Collar Crime Center

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on the front lines.

We've got your back.



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