



Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Abuse of Elders and Persons with Disabilities Model Protocol

Training for Law Enforcement

PRE-TRAINING ASSESSMENT

Date: __/__/____

Training Location: _____

The purpose of the assessment is to determine the effectiveness of the training session today. With this assessment, we are trying to determine what prior knowledge you may have had on the training topic. You will not receive an individual grade or score for this assessment.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the following assessment BEFORE you begin your training.

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Uncertain	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. I feel confident in my ability to handle domestic violence situations involving elderly persons.	1	2	3	4	5
b. I feel my community works as a team to address violence against elderly persons.	1	2	3	4	5
c. I feel confident in my ability to handle domestic violence situations involving people with disabilities.	1	2	3	4	5
d. I feel my community works as a team to address violence against people with disabilities.	1	2	3	4	5

The following questions ask about your knowledge of domestic violence as it relates to the work of law enforcement. Please read every choice before selecting an answer.

1. What percent of adults over 65 years old will develop dementia?
 - a. 50%
 - b. 15%
 - c. 25%
 - d. 5%

2. When a person with disabilities is part of a domestic disturbance, the officer should
 - a. Consider that they may not be a credible witness
 - b. Use a report completed by a victims advocate instead of taking one directly.
 - c. Always take a report
 - d. None of the answers are correct.

3. What is 'passive neglect'?
 - a. Failing to ask for all of the entitlements available to a person with disabilities or an elderly person.
 - b. Failing to provide a person with disabilities or an elderly person with basic needs, including supervision and medical care.
 - c. Failing to provide 24 hour supervision and care to an elderly person.
 - d. All of the answers are correct.

4. What is a guiding ethical principle regarding adult rights, including elderly persons and persons with disabilities? Only a...
 - a. medical order can restrict an adults' rights.
 - b. court order can restrict an adults' rights.
 - c. psychiatrists' recommendation can restrict an adults' rights.
 - d. psychologists' recommendation can restrict an adults' rights.

5. What behavior(s) relate to the self-determination of elderly persons and persons with disabilities?
 - a. Deciding how and where to live
 - b. Choosing whether or not to accept services and/or support
 - c. Making 'eccentric' and non-traditional lifestyle choices that do not harm others
 - d. All of the above are correct.

6. **Match** the setting of the elderly persons and persons with disabilities to the agency or agencies designated to receive reports of abuse or neglect:

Settings

Agencies

- ___ Community/domestic setting
- ___ Licensed group home
- ___ Licensed long term care facility

- A. Office of the Inspector General
- B. Illinois Dept. of Public Health
- C. IL Dept. on Aging/Local Adult Protective Svc.

7. Who is the best person to provide interpretation for a victim using American Sign Language?
 - a. An ASL interpreter
 - b. An APS interpreter
 - c. The victim's caregiver
 - d. All of the above.
8. When is it appropriate to leave a person with disabilities, who needs a caregiver, alone after a report of abuse?
 - a. When their caregiver is arrested.
 - b. If their children promise to check in on them.
 - c. If an emergency caregiver can arrive within 24 hours.
 - d. None of the answers are correct.
9. What are the different responses required of self versus passive neglect?
 - a. Self neglect and passive neglect are not really different.
 - b. Self neglect does not require an arrest.
 - c. Passive neglect does not require an investigation.
 - d. None of the answers are correct.
10. In regards to a report of abuse/neglect of an elderly person or a person with disabilities, what caregiver behavior suggests that further investigation is warranted?
 - a. Inconsistent explanation of the victim's injuries
 - b. Substance or alcohol abuse
 - c. Both a. and b.
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11. What is the procedure if you need to process any adaptive equipment for evidence?
 - a. Ask family members if the person can do without the equipment for a while.
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 - c. Process quickly or provide a replacement.
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12. What should you do, if during the interview, the person has 'Sundown Syndrome'?
 - a. Postpone the interview until the morning.
 - b. Contact EMS immediately.
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13. What is a good question to ask a suspect, who is a caregiver, during an elder or persons with disabilities abuse investigation?
- a. Are you employed?
 - b. Do you have a joint account with [the victim]?
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14. A person suspiciously obtained \$1,000 from a 75 year old person. Which charge will apply?
- a. Theft by Deception (720 ILCS 5/16-1)(b) (7)
 - b. Financial Exploitation of an elder/disabled person (720 ILCS 5/17-56)
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15. Documentation in an investigation of the abuse of an elder or person with disabilities is important in what way(s)?
- a. Supports the need for medical and social services.
 - b. Allows the victim to 'tell their story'
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b. I feel confident in my ability to handle domestic violence situations involving elderly persons.	1	2	3	4	5
c. I feel confident in my ability to handle domestic violence situations involving persons with disabilities.	1	2	3	4	5
d. The training was relevant to my role in law enforcement.	1	2	3	4	5
e. The trainer was knowledgeable of the subject matter.	1	2	3	4	5
f. The training materials were helpful.	1	2	3	4	5
g. The trainer acted in a professional manner.	1	2	3	4	5
h. The training was interesting and kept me engaged.	1	2	3	4	5
i. The training improved my knowledge of the abuse of the elderly and persons with disabilities.	1	2	3	4	5

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