



TENNESSEE IS TALKING ABOUT

# ELDER ABUSE

“My mother was abused. I had my suspicions, but she said that it wasn’t my business. She’s my mom, so I listened. They took everything ... piece by piece by piece. Nobody wants this to happen to their mom. Speak up.”

Amy Nix

Daughter of an elder abuse victim in Tennessee

**“People can be hesitant to report elder abuse because it’s embarrassing. But, reporting it is the right thing to do, and the lawful thing to do. If you have a family member or neighbor who is isolated, make a visit. Check on them. Preventing elder abuse can be as simple as picking up the phone.”**

Renee Bouchillon  
Adult Protective Services Program Director,  
Tennessee Department of Human Services



**“Elder abuse is a silent epidemic in Tennessee. Warning signs, especially for financial abuse, are abrupt behavioral changes and unexplained anxiety. The community needs to pay attention and have the courage to speak out. Vulnerable adults need you to be their voice.”**

Valerie Craig  
Co-founder, Tennessee Voices for Victims

**“Elder abuse is happening in every part of Tennessee, but we can’t prosecute crimes that we don’t know about. Check on your neighbors and speak up.”**

Andrea Kline  
Assistant District Attorney General,  
Knox County



You are required by Tennessee state law to report suspected abuse of a vulnerable or elderly adult.

**1-888-APS-TENN (277-8366)**  
**<https://ReportAdultAbuse.dhs.tn.gov>**

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