The DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office is committed to serving the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities who find themselves a victim of financial exploitation, neglect or physical, sexual or emotional abuse. This population of our residents deserves our love, respect and understanding, not abuse.

Regardless of whether an individual lives in the community or in a long-term care facility, my office is committed to representing the interests of all seniors and persons with disabilities should they find themselves in need of assistance. We will vigorously prosecute those who commit crimes against these vulnerable populations and will seek all appropriate criminal and civil sanctions, including restitution, restraining orders and jail sentences.

Abuse is not love. Abuse is a crime whether the victim and abuser are strangers, relatives, friends or enemies. Broken bones and financial exploitation are just as painful at the hands of a loved one as at those of a stranger. If you or someone you love is being abused, you have the right to seek help.
In most instances of suspected abuse against seniors or persons with disabilities, your first phone call should be to your local law enforcement agency. They can let you know whether the acts of an individual constitute a criminal offense.

If you feel you would like to call the State’s Attorney’s Office directly, our number is (630) 407-8000. Your call will be answered by an individual who will be able to evaluate your complaint and have it reviewed to see whether either criminal or civil legal action is appropriate. You may also contact Adult Protective Services at (630) 407-6500.

The DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office is here to help you if you or a loved one find yourself the victim of a crime. We employ a seasoned and experienced group of prosecutors, investigators and support staff who are dedicated to seeking justice.

From the beginning, you will have the assistance of a Victim Services Advocate. This advocate will keep you advised about what is happening in your case. The advocate will also serve as your main point of contact with the Office and will answer any questions you may have. This advocate will also accompany you to court if you are asked to testify.

As your case proceeds through the legal system, our investigators and Assistant State’s Attorneys will work in tandem with County Adult Protective Services representatives and members of partner agencies who will be prepared to address your special needs throughout the legal process.

What can the State’s Attorney’s Office do for me?

I’m not sure I really want to file a complaint. Whom should I talk to?

In most instances of suspected abuse against seniors or persons with disabilities, your first phone call should be to your local law enforcement agency. They can let you know whether the acts of an individual constitute a criminal offense.

If you feel you would like to call the State’s Attorney’s Office directly, our number is (630) 407-8000. Your call will be answered by an individual who will be able to evaluate your complaint and have it reviewed to see whether either criminal or civil legal action is appropriate. You may also contact Adult Protective Services at (630) 407-6500.

The need for protection

According to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, each year 4 to 5 percent of older people are victims of some form of abuse. We also know, from our own experience, that persons with disabilities are especially vulnerable.

Our compassionate attorneys and support staff receive special training on issues important to seniors and persons with disabilities and the laws which were written solely for the benefit and protection of this population. Additionally, we are prepared to meet the special physical accommodations which may be required in some cases.

The person who abused me is mentally ill... can I get them help instead of punishment?

There are special provisions of the Mental Health Code which may be applied if the person is mentally ill and if the violence or threat of violence is a result of that mental illness. In such cases, the State’s Attorney’s Office is prepared to consider involuntary mental health treatment as well as any other appropriate legal action.

The rights, dignity and concerns of victims are our top priority. Our goal is to improve not only the handling of cases by this office, but the quality of life for victims who are seniors and persons with disabilities.