

Le Sueur County Human Services Adult Protection Guidelines

Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC) is the common entry point (CEP) and the designated entity for accepting reports of suspected maltreatment of vulnerable adults (VA). Reports can be made over the telephone 24 hours a day/7 days a week by the general public at 844-880-1574. Mandated reporters may also use the toll free telephone number. Additionally, mandated reporters may use the MAARC VA-CEP web based reporting tool at mn.gov/dhs/reportadultabuse.

Adult Maltreatment Reports for Le Sueur County residents will be processed by Le Sueur County Human Services during regular business hours Monday - Thursday 8:00-4:30, Friday 8:00-4:00. Le Sueur County Human Services will screen or Emergency Protective Services reports through the "on-call" system on weekends and holidays.

Le Sueur County Human Services will screen reports for assessment based on the following mandate set forth by MN Statute 626.557:

- 1) **The person identified as a Vulnerable Adult must meet the statutory criteria of a functional or categorical vulnerable adult per MN Statute 626.557.**

Functional Adult:

An adult who has impaired ability (mental, physical, emotional) to provide adequately for his/her own necessary food, shelter, health care or supervision without assistance AND because of this condition has an impaired ability to protect self from maltreatment)MN Statute 626.5572, Subd. 21[a][4].

Categorical Adult:

An adult who is a resident or inpatient of a facility, or who receives home and community based services licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health or the Minnesota Department of Human Services, or who receives personal care assistance from a person or organization that exclusively offers, provides, or arranges for personal care assistances services under the medical assistance program (MN Statute 626.5572, Subd 21 [a][1-3].

- 2) **Maltreatment of the vulnerable adult has occurred as defined by MN Statute 626.5572, Subd 2.** Please refer to the statute for a more comprehensive definition than what is listed below.

A. Abuse (Physical, Emotional/Mental, Sexual)

B Financial Exploitation

C) Neglect

The Le Sueur County Human Services Screening Team will utilize the Minnesota Adult Protection Structured Decision Making and Standardized Tools in making intake decisions for initial disposition. This will determine the level of safety of the vulnerable adult and response priority.

All reports made to Le Sueur County Human Services will be reviewed and an intake decision is completed no later than 5 business days from receiving the report from MAARC.

If an emergency protection situation exists, MAARC will notify Le Sueur County Human Services immediately of the report. Le Sueur County Human Services will also screen the report and

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determine if an emergency* exists and begin the assessment *immediately* but no longer than 24 hours after the receipt of the report.

Le Sueur County Prioritization Responses to Screen Out Reports

County jails are not licensed by an agency covered by the Vulnerable Adult Statute; county agencies are considered to be the lead investigative agency by statute. The report will be screened per Le Sueur County Human Services Guidelines. If adult is incarcerated and APS is unable to engage in assessment or service intervention at the time of the report, the report will be screened out.

Adult is deceased at the time of the report.

Adult no longer resides in MN.

Vulnerable Adult reports alleging financial exploitation will be screened in collaboration with law enforcement prior to being screened in or out by human services. Financial loss for adult protection services will be assessed based on adult's financial situation, not solely on a particular dollar amount.

Vulnerable adult reports that allege self-neglect and the vulnerable adult already has an open investigation, or ongoing case worker, will not be open for investigation but referred to the ongoing case worker or investigating worker for additional services or development of a safety plan.

Self-neglect can be resolved and the adult's health and safety addressed through case management.

Abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation has stopped; risk of maltreatment reoccurrence is reduced and the adult's needs, including health and safety, are met through services or supports.

Alleged maltreatment will not be addressed by APS based on informed choice.

APS lacks resources for assessment.

Financial Exploitation – screen out if no financial loss occurred.