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

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Pocket Guide Topics

Background Information
- Types of Elder Abuse
- Abusers and Risk Factors
- APS and Mandatory Reporting
- Consent, Capacity, and Undue Influence
- Considerations for Community Corrections Officers

Legal Documents and Tools
- Deeds and Life Estates
- Guardians/Conservators
- Health Care Advance Directives
- Joint Owners/Joint Accounts
- Medicaid Planning
- Nursing Homes & Assisted Living
- Powers of Attorney
- Representative Payees and VA Fiduciaries
- Reverse Mortgages
- Trusts
- Wills
CFPB/ABA “Managing Someone Else’s Money” Guides

- Agents under POA, court-appointed guardians of property, trustees under revocable living trust, SSA rep payees & VA fiduciaries
- National guides
- State guides: AZ, FL, GA, IL, OR, VA
- Tips & Templates for state adaptation