

factsheet

Help is Available

Provincial and Territorial Contact Numbers and Key National Resources in Canada

If you are experiencing abuse or neglect, or if you suspect that an older adult is being harmed or mistreated, there is help available. This fact sheet provides phone numbers to help you get in touch with resources in your community.

Many of these services will keep your information confidential, unless they are required by law to report the abuse or neglect.

Note: For some of the listed phone numbers, you can call and reach a person 24 hours a day. Some community resources will be accessible several days during the week, usually in business hours. Numbers that begin with 1-800, 1-866, 1-867 or 1-888 can usually be reached throughout the province or territory toll free.

In the event of an emergency

Call 911 (where available).

Contact your local, provincial or tribal police, or the RCMP for your community.

Local police may also offer a non-emergency number to call for crimes that have already happened.

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Alberta

• Seniors' Abuse HelpLine

Edmonton: 780-454-8888

Kerby Elder Abuse Line

Calgary: 403-705-3250

• Family Violence Line (for information, advice and referrals)

Toll free, 24-hours: 310-1818

Protection for Persons in Care

(to report abuse in publicly funded care facilities) 1-888-357-9339

British Columbia

 VictimLINK (telephone help line available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; service is provided in over 100 languages) 1-800-563-0808
 For deaf or hard of hearing callers: TTY 604-875-0885 (collect calls accepted) or Text 604-836-6381

Health and Seniors' Information Line

1-800-465-4911

Victoria: 250-952-1742

• BCCEAS: BC Centre for Elder Advocacy & Support

formerly the BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors (for information on elder abuse or on the legal rights of seniors) 1-866-437-1940

Vancouver: 604-437-1940

Public Guardian and Trustee - Services to Adults

Greater Vancouver Office: 604-775-1007
Lower Mainland Office (Vancouver): 604-775-1001
Vancouver Island Office (Victoria): 250-356-8160
Interior-North Office (Kelowna): 250-712-7576
All other areas of BC, call Service BC: 1-800-663-7867, and ask to be transferred to the Public Guardian and Trustee

 Crime Stoppers I-800-222-TIPS (8477)



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Manitoba

Seniors Abuse Line (information and referral)
 1-888-896-7183
 Winnipeg: 204-945-1884

Protection for Persons in Care Office

(to report abuse in care facilities) I-866-440-6366

Winnipeg: 204-788-6366

Age & Opportunity

(support and counselling services, emergency accommodations, peer support line)

Winnipeg: 204-956-6440

New Brunswick

 CHIMO (provincial crisis line providing information, support and referral on abuse or sexual assault)

1-800-667-5005

Fredericton: 506-450-4357

Department of Social Development (Abuse Line)
 1-888-992-2873

Department of Social Development

I-866-444-8838 (general information and referral)

Fredericton: 506-453-2001

Newfoundland and Labrador

Mental Health Crisis Line
 1-888-737-4668

• Sexual Assault Crisis Line

1-800-726-2743



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Newfoundland and Labrador continued

• Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (complaints/inquiries)

St. John's: 709-729-8000

Corner Brook: 709-637-4100 Labrador West: 709-944-7602 TTY-TDD: 1-800-363-4334

RCMP

1-800-709-7267

TTY-TDD 1-800-563-2172

Regional Health Authorities

Eastern Health (St. John's): 709-752-4885

Eastern Health (Rural Avalon): 709-786-5245

Eastern Health (Bonavista/Clarenville/Burin Peninsula): 709-466-5707

Central Health: 709-651-6340

Western Health: 709-634-5551 (ext. 226) Labrador-Grenfell Health: 709-454-0372

- Senior's Resource Centre of Newfoundland and Labrador I-800-563-5599 (information and referral)
- Victim Services Program
 709-729-7970 (collect calls accepted)

Northwest Territories

- Seniors Information Line (information and referral) 1-800-661-0878
- Family Violence Crisis Line (information, support, referral and an emergency protection order)
 1-866-223-7775
- **NWT Help Line** (information, support, and referral services in evenings, between 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm any night of the week) 1-800-661-0844



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Northwest Territories continued

- NWT Victim Services (call your local Victim Services Program, or the Manager, NWT Victim Services at 867-920-6911.
 Victim Services offers information, support and referrals.
 Collect calls accepted. Weekday service only except in Yellowknife.
 Yellowknife after-hours 867-669-1490)
- **RCMP** (call your local RCMP, or 867-69-1111 for 24 hour service. For general inquiries call 867-669-5100)

Nova Scotia

- Adult Protection Services
 I-800-225-7225 (to report abuse of vulnerable adults)
- Protection for Persons in Care
 I-800-225-7225 (to report abuse in a designated health facility)
- Senior Abuse Line, Nova Scotia Department of Seniors 1-877-833-3377 (information, referral, and support)
- Victims Services Criminal Injuries Counselling Program I-888-470-0773

Nunavut

- Contact the **Social Services** or **Health Centre** in your community.
- RCMP 867-979-0123
- Crime Stoppers I-800-222-TIPS (8477)



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Ontario

 Seniors Safety Line (a province-wide information, referral and support line for seniors at risk of abuse, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with service in 154 languages)
 1-866-299-1011

Victim Support Line

1-888-579-2888

Toronto 416-314-2447 (direct access to an information counsellor who can refer callers to local services)

Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

416-916-6728

To speak to a regional elder abuse consultant about referrals, resources and educational services, call:

North East: 705-525-0077 Central East: 705-745-4100 East: 613-789-3577 ext. 14 North West: 807-343-8563 Central West: 905-276-3282

West: 519-971-9217

GTA & Provincial Multicultural Coordinator: 416-916-6728

 Long-Term Care Action Line (to register complaints about long-term care homes, home care services and/or Community Care Access Centres)
 1-866-434-0144

 Retirement Home Complaints Response and Information Service (CRIS)

(for assistance in resolving complaints about retirement homes and to obtain information about the various care and accommodation options for seniors in Ontario)

1-800-361-7254



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Ontario continued

- Ontario Provincial Police
 I-888-310-1122 (non emergency number)
- Senior Crime Stoppers

 (anonymously report crimes against seniors, or criminals)
 I-800-222-TIPS (8477)

Prince Edward Island

- Adult Protection
 902-368-6717 (non-emergency number)
- Anderson House (emergency shelter for women) I-800-240-9894
- Prince Edward Island Rape & Sexual Assault Crisis Centre I-800-289-5656 (crisis line)
- **Victim Services** (services to victims of crime) 902-368-4582
- Prince Edward Island Crime Stoppers I-800-222-TIPS (8477)

Saskatchewan

- 24-Hour Abuse Line 1-800-214-7083
- Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan 306-787-5424
- RCMP 306-780-5461 (non-emergency number)
- Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers I-800-222-TIPS (8477)



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- Seniors' Services/Adult Protection Unit 867-456-3946
 Toll-free 1-800-661-0408 (ext. 3946)
- Victim Services/Family Violence Prevention Unit 867-667-8500
 Toll-free 1-800-661-0408 (ext. 8500)
- Victim Link (24-hour crisis line) 1-800-563-0808
- RCMP 1-867-667-5555

Key National Resources in Canada

- National Clearinghouse on Family Violence www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncfv-cnivf/familyviolence/index.html
- Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse www.cnpea.ca/index.html
- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

 The RCMP provides crime prevention and victim services programs for seniors. Its information and services cover many topics for seniors including home safety, telemarketing and other fraud protection, senior abuse and legal concerns. To learn more about these services, check the government pages in your telephone book for the RCMP office nearest you
- The National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly www.nicenet.ca