

Reporting Abuse and Neglect Leads to Help.



Some adults are unable to protect themselves. Others need protection from someone else.

The *ADULT PROTECTION ACT* is the law in Newfoundland and Labrador which protects adults who lack the capacity to understand or appreciate the risk of abuse and neglect.

If you think that someone is being abused or neglected, it is your legal obligation to report it. Failure to do so is an offence and can lead to a **fine of \$10,000 and/or one year imprisonment**. If you suspect someone is being abused or neglected, call toll-free 1-855-376-4957 or contact your regional health authority or local police. You can report confidentially.

For more information regarding the *ADULT PROTECTION ACT*, please visit www.gov.nl.ca/health.

