



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

115 - CRIMES AGAINST THE ELDERLY

GENERAL ORDER: 2021-XX
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EFFECTIVE: June 14, 2021

REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
Inspector Paul Formolo
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ACTION: Amends General Order 2014-100 (July 31, 2014)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): NONE

ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.

115.1510 DEFINITIONS

A. ELDER ADULT AT RISK

Defined in [Wis. Stat. § 46.90\(1\)\(br\)](#), as any person age 60 or older who has experienced, is currently experiencing, or is at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation.

B. ABUSE

Defined in [Wis. Stat. § 46.90\(1\)\(a\)](#), but not limited to the following abuse means any of the following:

1. Physical abuse. Physical abuse means the intentional or reckless infliction of bodily harm.
2. Emotional abuse. Emotional abuse means language or behavior that serves no legitimate purpose and is intended to be intimidating, humiliating, threatening, frightening, or otherwise harassing, and that does or reasonably could intimidate, humiliate, threaten, frighten, or otherwise harass the individual to whom the conduct or language is directed.
3. Sexual abuse. Sexual abuse means a violation of [Wis. Stat. § 940.255\(1\), \(2\), \(3\), or \(3m\)](#).
4. Treatment without consent. Treatment without consent means the administration of medication to an individual who has not provided informed consent, or the performance of psychosurgery, electroconvulsive therapy, or experimental research on an individual who has not provided informed consent, with the knowledge that no lawful authority exists for the administration or performance.
5. Unreasonable confinement or restraint. Unreasonable confinement or restraint includes the intentional and unreasonable confinement of an individual in a locked room, involuntary separation of an individual from his or her living area, use on an

individual of physical restraining devices, or the provision of unnecessary or excessive medication to an individual, but does not include the use of these methods or devices in entities regulated by the department if the methods or devices are employed in conformance with state and federal standards governing confinement and restraint.

115.2015 DEPARTMENT ON AGING

- A. The Milwaukee County Department on Aging / Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County is the designated agency that will receive reports of elder abuse and neglect. Their 24-hour phone number is (414) 289-6874.
- B. The Sensitive Crimes Division (SCD) shall be the liaison with the Department on Aging/Aging Resource Center and, when appropriate, shall review and conduct follow up investigations of elder abuse and neglect elder adult at risk cases. Investigations shall include evidence collection and case development. Elderly victims may later recant, minimize, deny, or fail to cooperate with prosecution to protect the abuser.

115.2520 POLICE MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

~~Members of the Milwaukee Police Department shall comply with the following:~~

- B. Assist staff members from the Department on Aging in the investigation of reported elder abuse cases. Investigative duties may include the following:
- C3. ~~Notify your~~ Members shall notify their shift commander of all reported incidents of elder abuse to an elder adult at risk.
 - 1. The shift commander shall notify the ~~Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB)~~ Sensitive Crimes Division. The ~~CIB~~ Sensitive Crimes Division supervisor will evaluate and determine a response.
 - 2. The ~~CIB~~ Sensitive Crimes Division shall evaluate all incidents involving crimes against the elderly and may respond or coordinate with investigating members.

Note: Questions regarding investigation of incidents involving crimes against the elderly shall be directed to the member's shift commander who may consult with the ~~CIB~~ Sensitive Crimes Division.



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