

Identifying Financial Exploitation

Financial exploitation, also known as financial abuse, is when an individual has obtained or is using another person's resources, including but not limited to funds, assets, or property, by deception, intimidation, or similar means, with the intent to deprive the person of those resources (KRS 209.020(9)).



RECOGNIZE COMMON WARNING SIGNS

Signs that may indicate exploitation is occurring include:

- Unusual activity in bank account (sudden large withdrawals, expenditures that are not consistent with past financial history)
- Level of care inconsistent with resources
- Missing property
- Sudden affection or attention to adult
- Checks written to cash
- Transferring assets to a new friend or family member without explanation
- Attempts to isolate from support system
- Unexplained changes to wills or other estate documents
- Eviction notices or utilities or bills are unpaid.
- Lack of food, clothing or personal supplies

TO AVOID POTENTIAL EXPLOITATION, CONSIDER DOING THE FOLLOWING

- Take your time. Consult with someone you trust before making a large purchase or investment.
- If you hire someone for personal assistance services, complete a background check first.
- Do not sign any documents that you do not completely understand without first consulting an attorney or family member you trust.



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