

WHO WE ARE

The Rhode Island Coalition for Elder Justice (RICEJ) is a partnership among victim service agencies, senior service agencies, community groups, advocacy groups, law enforcement, state and federal agencies. Our purpose is to create an effective community coordinated response to the abuse of older adults.

It is estimated that by 2030, about 25% of RI's population will be over the age of 60. RICEJ strives to enhance services and safety for older adults and strengthen the criminal justice response to perpetrators of elder abuse.



To stay up to date with RICEJ, please scan the QR code or visit the link below.

[**rielderjustice.org**](https://rielderjustice.org)

HOW DO I REPORT ABUSE?

Reporting agencies for suspected abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect:

RI Office of Healthy Aging
for adults age 60 or older
24/7 Intake Line: 401-462-0555

BHDDH Quality Assurance Hotline
for adults living with intellectual/developmental abilities ages 18 to 59
24/7 Intake Line: 401-462-2629

RI Long-Term Care Ombudsman
for those living in a care facility, such as an assisted living, nursing home, home care, and hospice
401-785-3340

For additional information and resources, contact:

**Saint Elizabeth Haven
for Elder Justice**
to speak to an advocate about help
401-244-5476

**Rhode Island Coalition for
Elder Justice**
401-244-5473



**RI COALITION FOR
ELDER JUSTICE**

**WORKING
TOGETHER
FOR A SAFE
AND JUST ELDER
COMMUNITY**

**EDUCATION | ADVOCACY
EMPOWERMENT**

WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

Elder abuse is an intentional or negligent act by any person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to an older adult.

Elder abuse can include acts of physical, sexual, psychological, and emotional abuse, as well as financial exploitation, neglect, and withholding of basic needs.

It is common for victims to experience more than one form of abuse.

VISION

Our vision is a Rhode Island where vulnerable adults are valued and protected from abuse, neglect and exploitation.



MISSION

Our mission is to create an effective community coordinated response to the abuse of older adults. We work to enhance services and safety for older adults, strengthen the criminal justice response to elder abuse, educate the workforce, and engage the community.

IS ELDER ABUSE A CRIME?

Yes - elder abuse is a crime. Rhode Island law protects older adults and certain vulnerable persons from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Everyone deserves to live a life free from abuse and we all have a role to play in ensuring the safety of our most vulnerable community members.

All Rhode Islanders are mandated by law to report known or suspected elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

If you or someone you know is experiencing elder abuse, please call the Office of Healthy Aging at 401-462-0555.