

Otter Tail County Human Services
GUIDELINES FOR PRIORITIZING REPORTS FOR INVESTIGATION
As directed by MN Statutes 626.5565 Subd. 9b

Highest Priority

Vulnerable Adult reports alleging an adult who meets the definition of vulnerable adult as defined in MN Statute 626.5571 Subd 21 is in need of immediate services for protection due to known imminent danger or risk of serious harm.

1. No food and without access or resources to obtain.
2. Physical abuse/sexual abuse with observed injuries, AP has access to or lives with VA.
3. Dangerous level of exposure to extreme temperatures.
4. Dehydration or other need for immediate medical care without access or resources to obtain.
5. Vulnerable adult who is putting oneself at risk for imminent danger, such as wandering, starting fires or otherwise harming self or others.
6. Dependent adult who suddenly is without a caregiver and inability to provide for one's own care.
7. A report of physical abuse/sexual abuse with observable injuries and continues to be in the presence of the alleged abuser.
8. Financial exploitation that is resulting in immediate loss of housing/placement and/or other services and resources needed by the vulnerable adult for safety reasons.

Medium Priority

Vulnerable Adult reports alleging an adult who meets the definition of vulnerable adult as defined in MN Statute 626.5571 Subd. 21 is in need of services for protection due to potential danger or risk of serious harm.

1. Physical abuse/sexual abuse with observed injuries.
2. Allegations of abuse, neglect or self- neglect with no report of imminent danger.
3. Will be without essential resources such as food, heat, medical care or housing within 30 days without intervention.
4. Financial exploitation that is currently occurring, with loss over \$50.

Lowest Priority

Vulnerable Adult reports alleging an adult who meets the definition of vulnerable adult as defined in MN Statute 626.5571 Subd 21 is in need of services for protection due to abuse, neglect or financial exploitation that is alleged to have happened in the past, but not likely happening at the present time. The vulnerable adult is having all needs met.

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