

If you or a loved one is a victim of abuse, contact the Senior Crime Victim Program at **(518) 271-3512**.

**Office hours:**

Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm  
*(voice mail is available nights, weekends and holidays and is checked regularly)*

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# SENIOR CRIME VICTIM PROGRAM

Know your rights.

Know what help is available.

PROTECT YOURSELF

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# Seniors are often the targets of unscrupulous people.

## Did you know

- One in 10 Americans age 60+ experienced abuse over one year, and many experience it in multiple forms (*Acierno, 2010; Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc., 2011*)
- Elder abuse is underreported. The New York State Elder Abuse Prevalence Study found that for every elder abuse case known to programs and agencies, 23.5 were unknown (*Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc., 2011*)
- Spouses and family members are most often the abusers of older adults
- The average age of victims of elder abuse is 77.9 years

## The Senior Crime Victim Program

The Senior Crime Victim Program was developed in response to the growing concern about crime and abuses against seniors.

The program offers free and confidential services, including:

- Crisis Intervention
- Legal and Medical Advocacy/Accompaniment
- Crime Victim Compensation
- Information & Referrals
- Short-Term Counseling
- Professional Consultation
- Educational Presentations

## Assistance is available whether or not you choose to report the crime

- Senior Crime Victim Program ..... **271-3512**
- 24-Hour Hotline.....**271-3257**
- Adult Protective Services.....**(844) 697-3505**
- The Police.....**911**

## The Eddy Haven for Abused Elderly

The Eddy Haven for Abused Elderly provides a short-term, safe residence, counseling and legal advocacy for victims of elder abuse in Albany, Rensselaer and Saratoga counties. The program, in conjunction with the Senior Crime Victim Program, reaches out to professionals, the elderly and those who care about them to increase awareness about elder abuse and provide referral to support services.

Professionals serving older adults can call our 24-hour hotline, **271-3257**.

## Types of Abuse

**Physical Abuse** - use of physical force that can result in bodily injury, physical pain or impairment

**Sexual Abuse** - non-consensual sexual contact of any kind with an elderly person

**Financial Exploitation** - illegal or improper use of a senior's funds, property or assets

**Neglect** - the refusal or failure to fulfill any part of a person's obligations or duties to an older person

**Emotional Abuse** - infliction of anguish, pain, or distress through verbal or nonverbal acts

**Abandonment** - the desertion of an elderly person by an individual who has physical custody of him/her or by a person who has assumed responsibility for providing care to him/her