

# World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

*June 15, 2017*

Attorney General Matthew P. Denn and the Senior Protection Initiative invite you to join us as we commemorate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Visit us at one of these four locations to get your “STOP Elder Abuse” ribbon, pick up valuable resources, and ask questions of various representatives from State agencies that provide services to older adults.

**Carvel State Building Lobby**  
820 N. French St.  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
9am–3pm

**Christiana Mall—near Target**  
132 Christiana Mall  
Newark, DE 19702  
10am–3pm

**Dover Mall—near Macy’s**  
1365 N. Dupont Hwy.  
Dover, DE 19901  
10am–3pm

**Bethany Beach Boardwalk—near Clock**  
1 Garfield Parkway  
Bethany Beach, DE 19930  
10am–3pm



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is held annually to bring greater recognition of mistreatment of older adults and to highlight the need for appropriate action. Today, more than ever, older adults are targeted: by telemarketers, fraudsters, and even their own family members. According to the National Council on Aging, scamming older adults is “the crime of the 21st century,” and it’s not just strangers; 90% of reported elder abuse is committed by the person’s own family members.

The Senior Protection Initiative is a Delaware Department of Justice outreach effort committed to the prevention of elder abuse, financial exploitation, and financial scams. For every case of abuse that comes to light, about 23 remain hidden. Older adults often do not report being victimized out of fear, a desire to protect the abuser, social isolation, embarrassment, and/or an inability to report. That is why we all need to work together to S.A.V.E. - Stop Abuse of the Vulnerable and Elderly. Talk to us about coming to speak to your community, faith-based, or social organizations.

If you know someone who is being neglected, exploited, defrauded, mistreated, or otherwise abused, call Adult Protective Services at 1-800-223-9074 and your local police agency.

For more information,  
please call (302) 577-8600

