

## Who we are

The mission of Legal Services of Northern California is to provide quality legal services to empower the poor to identify and defeat the causes and effects of poverty within our community, efficiently utilizing all available resources.

- Our office provides civil legal assistance on a variety of issues to income eligible individuals and seniors living in our five county service area.
- Our office priorities include preservation of housing, health care, enhancing economic stability, supporting families, family safety and stability, civil rights, education, and serving populations with special vulnerabilities.

## Contact Us

Our office is located in Downtown Redding in Shasta County. We provide services over the phone, in person, or through outreach events throughout our five county service area (Shasta, Trinity, Lassen, Modoc, and Siskiyou).

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# Elder Financial Abuse: An Informational Guide

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# Avoiding Elder Financial Abuse

Elder financial abuse is the illegal or improper use of an elder's funds, property, or assets. It can include forging a senior's signature, cashing checks without authorization or permission, or misusing or stealing a senior's money or possessions. But elder financial abuse take many forms, including:

- Sudden changes in banking practices
- Inclusion of additional names on a bank or credit account
- Adding an individual to the property title
- Abrupt changes in a will or trust
- Substandard care being provided or unpaid bills despite availability of resources
- Sudden appearance of previously uninvolved relatives claiming their right to an elders' possessions or affairs
- An elder's report of financial exploitation
- Provision of services that are unnecessary (including home construction, installment purchases, etc)
- Predatory lending practices
- Unexplained and/or sudden transfer of assets

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*If you believe you may be a victim of elder abuse, please reach out to our office for assistance.*

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## **If you are unsure or uncomfortable, seek advice**

If you have concerns about advice you have received, decisions you have made, or want to want general information, please reach out for assistance.

If you suspect you have been scammed or taken advantage of, the agencies below may be able to provide assistance.

### **Adult Protective Services**

Please contact LSNC to learn more about getting help from APS or making a report of abuse or neglect.

### **Fraud Hotline (Federal)**

855-303-9470

### **Elder Financial Protection Network**

707-981-8403

### **Better Business Bureau**

916-443-0837

### **Legal Services of Northern California**

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