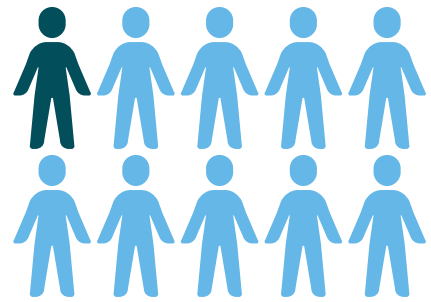


# Adult Protective Services

Adult Protective Services (APS) is the first line of support for older adults experiencing abuse, neglect, or exploitation. APS programs investigate allegations of maltreatment, arrange for medical and social services, seek emergency or protective services, and make referrals to law enforcement.



**1 in 10**  
older Americans  
experiences some form  
of abuse.

## 1,387,225

referrals to APS of alleged maltreatment were made in 2022

**APS programs protect older adults and people with disabilities against physical abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and self-neglect.**

### Prevention

APS programs arrange for services for clients. Abuse prevention efforts **reduce more costly interventions** such as hospitalization, long-term care admission, and guardianship.



### Types of Maltreatment

A single investigation may include multiple types of maltreatment. In 2022, allegations received by APS included:

- 53.5% Self-Neglect
- 24.5% Neglect
- 23.5% Exploitation
- 12.2% Physical abuse
- 1.5% Sexual abuse