

Suggested Questions to Screen Elders for Abuse

- Do you feel safe; or would you feel safe if the defendant/offender lives with you?
- What contact have you had with the defendant/offender since his arrest, imprisonment, release, etc.?
- Are there people you don't know coming in and out of your home?
- Who owns or pays the rent for where you live?
- Is there sufficient space in this home for you, the defendant/offender, and others who live here?
- Who can you ask to help you when you need assistance?
- When was your last medical appointment? Did you go to it? If not, why not? If not, have you missed other medical appointments for the same reason?
- Who takes care of your financial business?
- Who has access to your bank account and financial records?
- Do you handle your own money?
- Do you have a bank account? Does [the offender] have a co-signature in that account?
- Do you have any cash in your wallet or purse (at least \$20)? If not, why not?
- Has the defendant/offender asked you to sign any documents?
- Has anyone recently asked you to change your will?
- Does anyone have the legal authority to make decisions for you or about your property, such as a power of attorney or medical decisionmaking?
- Will having the offender live here stretch finances too thin?
- Is there anything that concerns you about the defendant/offender living in this home?
- Do you have a safety plan in case someone tried to hurt you or you had an accident?
- Do you have a telephone and are you able to use it?
- Do you know how to call for help in an emergency (dial 911) or call your doctor?