

Types of Abuse Defined in Adult Protective Services Statutes

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√ = Stand-alone category in APS statute

● = Included as part of another category in APS statute

* = Authority to include this type of abuse is found by reading a different section of the statute.

= Authority to include this type of abuse is found in APS program regulations.

NOTE: If sexual abuse is not explicitly defined or subsumed in the statutory language, it is probably safe to interpret the definition of physical abuse as including sexual abuse.

	Abuse/ Physical Abuse	Psychological/ Emotional/ Mental/ Verbal Abuse	Sexual Abuse/ Exploitation	Financial Exploitation	Neglect	Abandonment	Self- Neglect
Alabama	√	√	√	√	√		●
Alaska	√	●	●	√	√	√	√
Arizona	√		●	√	√		
Arkansas	√	●	√	√	√		●
California	√	●	●	√	√	√	●
Colorado	√		●	√	√		√
Connecticut	√	●		√	√	√	●
Delaware	√	●		√	√	●	
District of Columbia	√	●	●	√	√		
Florida	√	√	√	√	√		
Georgia	√	●		√	√		
Guam	√	√	●	√	√	√	●

Hawaii	√	●	●	●	●		●
Idaho	√	●		√	√		●
Illinois	√	●	●	●	√		
Indiana	●			●	●		
Iowa	√		●	●	●		●
Kansas	√	●	●	√	√		●
Kentucky	√	●		√	√		●
Louisiana	√	●	●	√	√	√	√
Maine	√	●	√	√	√		● *
Maryland	√			√	√		√
Massachusetts- Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19A, § 14	√	●	●	√	●		●
Massachusetts- Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 19C, § 1	√	●	●		●		
Michigan	√	●	●	√	√		●
Minnesota	√	●	●	√	√		●
Mississippi	√	●	●	√	√		●
Missouri	√	●	●	●	√		● *
Montana	√	●	√	√	√		
Nebraska	√		√	√	●		●
Nevada	√	●		√	√		●
New Hampshire	√	●	●	√	√		√
New Jersey	√	●		√	√		●
New Mexico	√	●		√	√		●
New York	√	√	√	√	√	●	√
North Carolina	√	●		√	√		●
North Dakota	√	●	√	√	√		●
Ohio	√	●		√	√		●

Oklahoma	√	√	√	√	√		√
Oregon- Or. Rev. Stat. § 124.050	√			●	●	●	
Oregon- Or. Rev. Stat. § 430.735	√		●		●		● *
Pennsylvania	√	●	√	√	√	√	●
Puerto Rico	√	√					
Rhode Island	√			√	√	√	
South Carolina	√	√	●	√	√		●
South Dakota	√			√	√		● *
Tennessee	√	●	√	√	√		●
Texas	√	●	●	√	√		●
Utah	√	√	●	√	√	√	√
Vermont	√	●	●	√	√		
Virgin Islands	√	●		√	√	√	● *
Virginia	√	●		√	√		●
Washington	√	●	●	√	√	√	√
West Virginia	√			●	√		#
Wisconsin-Wis. Stat. Ann. § 46.90	√			√	√		√
Wisconsin-Wis. Stat. Ann. § 55.001	√	●	●		√		● *
Wyoming	√	●		√	√	√	√