

Defined terms: "Minor" § 1-101

"Person" § 1-101

3-603. ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF VULNERABLE ADULT.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (I) "ABUSE" MEANS THE SUSTAINING OF PHYSICAL PAIN OR INJURY BY A VULNERABLE ADULT AS A RESULT OF CRUEL OR INHUMANE TREATMENT OR AS A RESULT OF A MALICIOUS ACT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT INDICATE THAT THE VULNERABLE ADULT'S HEALTH OR WELFARE IS HARMED OR THREATENED.

(II) "ABUSE" INCLUDES THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT.

(III) "ABUSE" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ACCEPTED MEDICAL OR BEHAVIORAL PROCEDURE ORDERED BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE OR § 13-516 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S PRACTICE.

(3) "CAREGIVER" MEANS A PERSON UNDER A DUTY TO CARE FOR A VULNERABLE ADULT BECAUSE OF A CONTRACTUAL UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CARE.

(4) "FAMILY MEMBER" MEANS A RELATIVE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE, ADOPTION, OR THE MARRIAGE OF A CHILD.

(5) "HOUSEHOLD" MEANS THE LOCATION:

(I) IN WHICH THE VULNERABLE ADULT RESIDES;

(II) WHERE THE ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A VULNERABLE ADULT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE; OR

(III) WHERE THE PERSON SUSPECTED OF ABUSING OR NEGLECTING A VULNERABLE ADULT RESIDES.

(6) "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LIVES WITH, OR IS A REGULAR PRESENCE IN, A HOME OF A VULNERABLE ADULT AT THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

(7) (I) "NEGLECT" MEANS THE INTENTIONAL FAILURE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES FOR THE PHYSICAL NEEDS OF A VULNERABLE ADULT, INCLUDING:

1. FOOD;

2. CLOTHING;