

Identifying Risk – Preventing Abuse

Disability	Risk Factors	Type of abuse at risk for	Safety strategies	Agency referrals
Developmental				
Physical				
Cognitive				
Mental Illness				
Aging Related				

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Here is a list of risk factors:

- Unable to walk
- Decreased vision
- Combative
- Cognitive limitations
- Substance use
- Unable to manage medication
- Delusional
- “Code of silence”
- Decreased hearing
- Unable to feel pain, temperature
- Decreased sense of smell
- Loss of appetite
- Decreased sense of taste
- Incontinent of bladder and bowel
- Decreased mobility
- Unsteady gait
- Unable to manage money
- Easily manipulated
- Very trusting/no boundaries
- Need for friendship
- Unable to do personal care
- Decreased swallowing
- Unable to communicate needs