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St. Tammany Elder Abuse Support Team

ATTENTION: St. Tammany SALT Council

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The ***St. Tammany Elder Abuse Support Team***, also known as "**EAST**," was created with funds in part from a grant from the Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Elder Justice Community Collaborations project, and is administered for the National Center on Elder Abuse by the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. The St. Tammany SALT Council administers the grant and subsequent funding, and functions as the lead organization for the Support Team.

EAST participants include Elderly Protective Services, parish and local government, health care providers, attorneys, finance and banking experts, home care providers, counselors, law enforcement, social workers, and private citizens.

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ST. TAMMANY ELDER ABUSE SUPPORT TEAM

**A COMMUNITY
RESPONSE TO
DEFEND AND
PROTECT THE
ELDERLY**

**A SENIOR SECURITY
PROGRAM OF**



ABOUT ELDER ABUSE

In Louisiana, the Elder Abuse statutes protect adults aged 60 or older from **acts or omissions which result in physical or emotional abuse and neglect**, inflicted by caregivers and from self-neglect by an individual. Louisiana law also protects seniors from *acts of financial exploitation and extortion*.

The law also defines *Exploitation of the Infirm* as:

- > The intentional expenditure, diminution, or use by any person, including a caregiver, of the property or assets of the infirmed, a disabled adult, or an aged person, ... without the express voluntary consent of the resident or the consent of a legally authorized representative of an incompetent resident, or by means of fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations; and,
- > The use of an infirmed person's, or aged person's, or disabled adult's power of attorney or guardianship for one's own profit or advantage by means of fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations.

YOU ARE A MANDATORY REPORTER!

Louisiana law requires **ANY PERSON** "having cause to believe that an adult's physical or mental health or welfare has been or may be further adversely affected by abuse, neglect, or exploitation" to report in accordance with R.S. 15:1505."

EAST MISSION

The mission of the *St. Tammany Elder Abuse Support Team* is to create safe environments for our Elders by developing community partnerships to prevent and stop elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, through education, public awareness, intervention, advocacy, and resource development.

EAST VALUES

- To value collaborative action focused on results with a commitment to working together to make a demonstrative difference for older adults so that they can live safe and secure lives, free from all abuse
- To value the lives of our Elders and believe in preserving a high quality of life for them, with a future of safety, understanding, dignity and health
- To value the inherent self worth of our Elders developed through their wisdom, knowledge and contributions to our lives.

EAST VISION

The St. Tammany Elder Abuse Support Team envisions the development of a community where our elders are respected, valued, treated with dignity, and protected from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

MAKE THE CALL!

**REPORT ELDER ABUSE
24/7/365 BY CALLING:
*1-800-259-4990***



JOIN THE TEAM
SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE AS
A MEMBER OF THE
ST. TAMMANY
ELDER ABUSE
SUPPORT TEAM

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Thank you for your interest!