

# The Department on Aging Respects Your Legal Rights

- If you need help, we will do our best to work with you to make sure you receive only appropriate services.
- We will do our best to find out if you have given someone a power of attorney to help you make decisions.
- We will keep our visit confidential.
- We will talk with you and the court to keep everyone informed about what we are doing.

More information about  
the Illinois law on  
self-neglect can be  
found on the Internet at:

[www.illinois.gov/aging](http://www.illinois.gov/aging)

**State of Illinois  
Department on Aging**

**Senior HelpLine:  
1-800-252-8966,  
1-888-206-1327 (TTY)  
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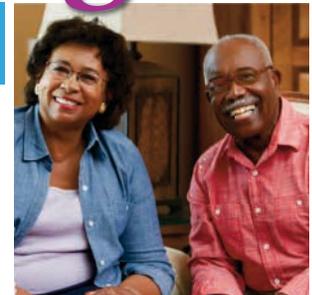
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## Protecting Your Privacy & Rights



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*Adult Protective Services Program*

# Why are we here today?

- The Department on Aging helps adults age 60 years or older and adults age 18-59 with disabilities who may be at risk for self-neglect.
- Self-neglect occurs when an adult is unable to perform certain essential tasks and may need additional help.
- Illinois has a law that enables the Department on Aging to help adults who may be at risk of harming themselves.
- To make this law fair, the Department on Aging worked with doctors, nurses, social workers, lawyers and many others.

## At-Risk Adults Have Rights

- You have the right to be treated like any other person in Illinois.
- You have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- You have the right to make your own decisions unless a judge says you need help. Even if a judge says you need help, you have the right to be a part of any decisions made that affect you.
- You have the right to be given information to help you make decisions.

## The Department on Aging Respects You

- We will do everything we can to protect your right to be independent and make your own decisions.
- We will help all adults.
- We respect men and women and all races and religions.
- We will make every effort to talk with you in the language you can understand best.
- With your permission, we will work with your family and friends to help you.

