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<p><b>REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME</b> _____  <b>REPORTING OFFICER'S TITLE</b> _____  <b>REPORTING OFFICER'S PHONE NUMBER</b> _____  <b>REPORTING OFFICER'S FAX NUMBER</b> _____  <b>REPORTING OFFICER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS</b> _____</p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER NAME</b> _____  <b>ANY OTHER PHONE NUMBER</b> _____  <b>ANY OTHER FAX NUMBER</b> _____</p>
<p><b>DATE</b> _____  <b>TIME</b> _____</p>	
<p><b>REPORTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE</b> _____  <b>REPORTING OFFICER'S TITLE</b> _____</p>	
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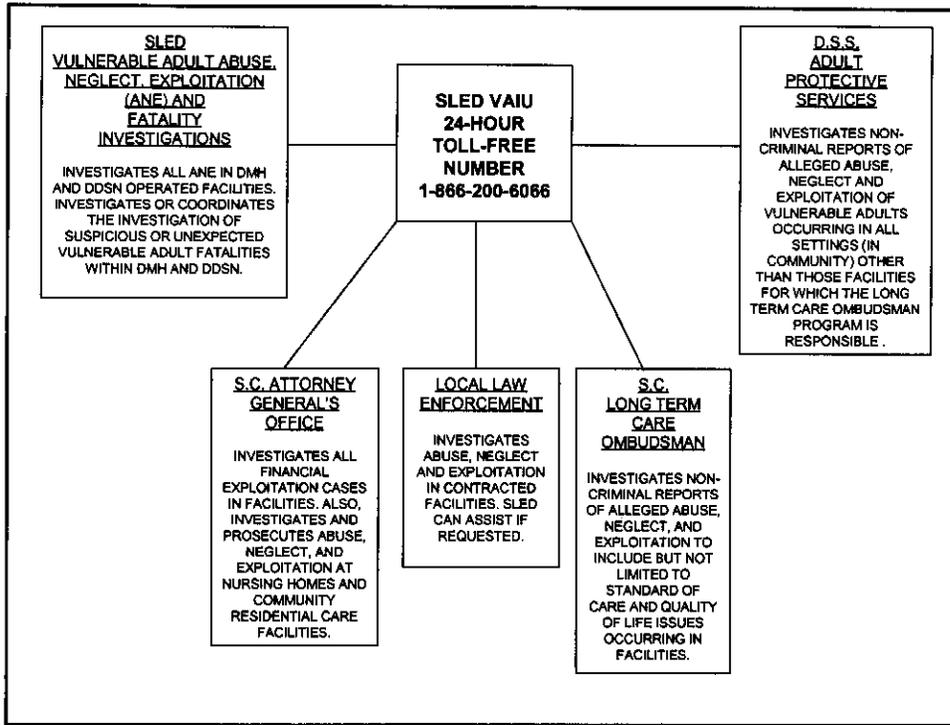
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**VIOLATIONS OF RESIDENT'S RIGHTS**

Violations of resident's rights, standards of care or quality of living issues must be reported to the:

**Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman** 1-803-734-9000  
**The Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging** OR  
**1301 Garveys Street, Suite 350** 1-800-698-9005  
**Columbia, SC 29201** FAX: (803) 734-9988



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 Columbia, SC 29201    FAX: (803) 734-0988

### **Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult 43-35-85(B)**

- Elements: Knowingly and willfully abuse a vulnerable adult (Hitting, punching, etc.)
- Punishment:  
Up to 5 years
- Classification:  
Felony

### **Neglect of Vulnerable Adult 43-35-85(C)**

- Elements: Knowingly and wilfully neglects a vulnerable adult
- Punishment: Up to 5 years
- Classification: Felony

**Abuses or Neglects a Vulnerable Adult resulting in Great Bodily Injury**  
**43-35-85(E)**

- Elements: Knowingly and Wilfully abuses or neglects (Injuries that require medical treatment that may involve emergency room treatment or surgery.)
- Punishment: Up to 15 years
- Classification: Felony

• **Abuses and Neglects a Vulnerable Adult**  
**resulting in Death 43-35-85(F)**

- Elements: Knowingly and Wilfully abuses or neglects
- Punishment: Up to 30 years
- Classification: Felony

- **Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult 43-35-85(D)**
- Elements: Knowingly and Wilfully exploits a vulnerable adult
- Punishment: Up to 5 years
- Classification: Felony

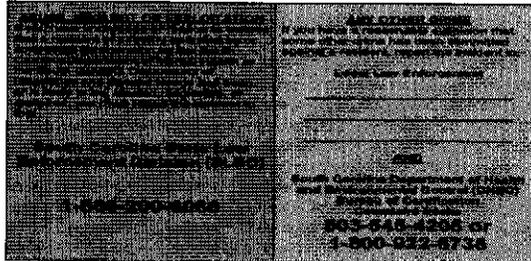
**Failure to Report 43-35-85 (A)**

- Elements: Mandatory reporter under 43-35-25 and with actual knowledge that abuse has occurred.
- Punishment: **Up to 1 year in jail or fine up to \$2,500**
- **Classification: Misdemeanor**

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Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman    1-803-734-6000  
The Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging        OR  
1201 Gervais Street, Suite 350                      1-800-666-6096  
Columbia, SC 29201                                      FAX: (803) 734-6988

Our goal is to investigate or assist in the investigation of those persons who are unable to defend for themselves and to make South Carolina a safer and healthier place for vulnerable adults.

We thank you for your assistance and support for this most noteworthy endeavor.

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division  
Vulnerable Adult Investigative Unit

803-896-7654

or

Hot-line 1-866-200-6066

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1301 Gervais Street, Suite 350 1-800-866-9095  
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