

VILAS COUNTY ADULT/ELDERS AT-RISK INTER-DISCIPLINARY TEAM

Mission Statement

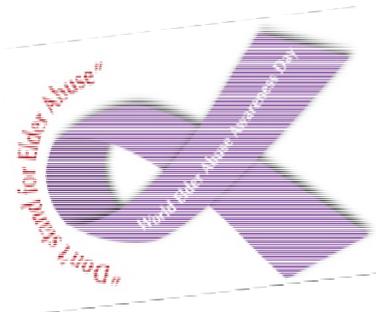
We, the Ethics Committee, of the Vilas County Inter-Disciplinary Team collaborate to improve the quality of life for adults at risk. We seek to serve as a bridge between the formalized service network and the individuals we serve. We are committed to accomplish this through the use of ethical reasoning and principles.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Ethics Committee of the Vilas County I-Team is. . . to be a diverse and accessible group of professionals who help identify ethical issues, heighten awareness of problems adults at risk face and mobilize a variety of community resources to assist.



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**Vilas County
Adults/Elders
At-Risk
Inter-
Disciplinary
Team**

Established 1992

Adult-at-Risk means any adult who has a physical or mental condition that substantially impairs his or her ability to care for his or her needs.

Elder Adult-at-Risk means any person age 60 or older who has experienced, is currently experiencing, or is at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, self-neglect or financial exploitation.

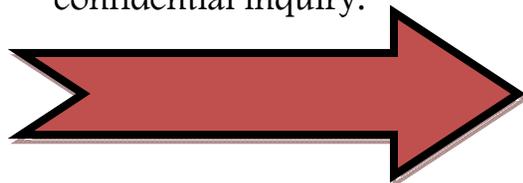
Abuse means—physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, treatment without consent, unreasonable confinement or restraint.

Neglect is the failure of a caregiver to maintain adequate care for the adult-at-risk.

Self-neglect means significant danger to an individual's physical or mental health because the individual is responsible for his or her own care but fails to obtain adequate care.

Concerned about a situation?

Contact the Lead Elder Abuse Agency at the number to the right to make a confidential inquiry.



I-Team Membership

Adult Protective Services

Alzheimer's Association

Banking

Clergy

Community Representative

Corporation Counsel

Elder Benefit Specialist

Emergency Government

Guardian

Guardian ad litem

Hospital Social Worker

Human Service Center

Lac du Flambeau Domestic Abuse

Lac du Flambeau Community Health

Rennes Group

Sheriff's Department



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HISTORY

The I-Team was established in 1992 by the Vilas County Department of Social Services.

In 2007, the focus of the group was expanded to "Adults-at-Risk" in order to remain in compliance with new State of Wisconsin requirements.

The group continues to educate its members and the community to heighten awareness of problems adults and elders at risk face.

Topics of training included:

- Develop a template for ethical decision making model*
- Falls prevention
- Prescription drug abuse
- Mental health services
- Sexual abuse of vulnerable adults
- Navigating the Medicare system
- Understanding kidney dialysis
- Financial abuse
- Legal process of Chapter 51, Chapter 55 and three party petitions.
- Project Lifesaver
- The cycle of abuse

**Viterbo University Professor Dr. Kyte*