



# How to File a Nursing Home Abuse Complaint in Oklahoma

If you suspect mistreatment in an Oklahoma nursing home, act quickly — and thoughtfully. This checklist helps you protect your loved one's safety and dignity by guiding you through how to document, report, and seek accountability when care falls short.

Because every loved one deserves to be treated with respect — and every family deserves to be heard.

## Step 1: Document the Signs of Abuse

- Take clear photos of injuries, poor hygiene, or unsafe conditions
- Keep a detailed log of incidents with dates, times, and staff or witness names
- Save copies of medical records, financial documents, and written complaints
- Record or write down your loved one's account, if they're able

## Step 2: Report the Abuse to the Facility

- Notify the facility's administrator or director of nursing
- Submit your complaint in writing and keep a copy
- Request a written response or action plan

## Step 3: File a Complaint with the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH)

- Report abuse to OSDH Long-Term Care Services
- Call 1-800-747-8419 or file online
- Include documentation, staff names, and specific details
- Call 911 for life-threatening or criminal abuse

## Step 4: Call Law Enforcement (If There's Immediate Danger)

- Call 911 for life-threatening or criminal abuse
- File a police report with local authorities
- Share documentation and witness info



# Stand Up for What's Right. Protect Your Loved One.

When care crosses the line into neglect or abuse, action matters. Stand up for your loved one's safety and hold those responsible accountable.

## Step 5: Contact an Oklahoma Nursing Home Abuse Attorney

- Legal support helps protect your loved one and hold facilities accountable
- An attorney can gather evidence, work with agencies, and seek compensation
- Choose a lawyer experienced in Oklahoma nursing home abuse
- Schedule a free consultation to explore your options

## Step 6: Stay Involved

- Even after a complaint is filed, your continued involvement is critical.
- Visit your loved one frequently and unannounced.
- Monitor their physical and emotional condition.
- Keep records of improvements or ongoing issues.
- Advocate for their dignity, safety, and quality of life.

## Nursing Home Abuse Reporting Can't Wait

No one should suffer mistreatment in a place meant for care. If you suspect abuse or neglect, our attorneys are here to guide you through every step — from reporting to pursuing justice for your loved one.