

CHAPTER 12  
ELDER ABUSE, NEGLECT OR EXPLOITATION PREVENTION AND  
AWARENESS AND MANDATORY REPORTER TRAINING

[Prior to 3/15/06, see 321—7.7(231)]

**321—12.1(231) Authority.** This chapter implements the:

1. Prevention and awareness of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation program as provided in Iowa Iowa chapter 231 and in accordance with the federal Older Americans Act; and
2. Mandatory reporter training as provided in Iowa Code chapter 235B.

**321—12.2(231) Purpose.** This chapter establishes methods to increase the awareness of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation among providers, health care professionals, county attorneys, law enforcement, community change agents and the general public and establishes criteria for mandatory reporter training as required in Iowa Code chapter 235B.

**321—12.3(231) Elder Abuse, neglect, or exploitation prevention and public awareness.** In accordance with Iowa Code chapter 231 and Title VII of the Older Americans Act, the department shall develop and enhance programs for the prevention of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, including but not limited to public awareness and education.

**12.3(1) Definitions.** Words and phrases used in this rule shall be as defined in 321 IAC 1 unless the context of the rule indicates otherwise. The following definitions apply to this rule:

*“Exploitation”* (OAA) means the illegal or improper act or process of an individual, including a caregiver, using the resources of an older individual for monetary or personal benefit, profit, or gain.

*“Physical harm”* (OAA) means bodily injury, impairment, or disease.

**12.3(2) Funding.** Funding is provided by Title VII of the federal Act as well as other funds which may be available for activities directed toward the prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation of elders.

**321—12.4(231,235B) Dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training.** Words and phrases used in this rule shall be as defined in Iowa Code chapter 235B.

**12.4(1)** In accordance with Iowa Code section 235B.16(2), the department shall develop and maintain a dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training manual. The curriculum shall comply with the specifications of the department of public health’s abuse education review panel as provided in 641 IAC 93.

**12.4(2)** The department shall instruct and certify trainers to deliver the DEA dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training approved curriculum.

**12.4(3)** The instruction shall include, but is not limited to, laws, rules and regulations relating to all forms of dependent adult abuse and reporting requirements.

**12.4(4)** Prior to an individual’s conducting mandatory reporter training with the DEA curriculum, that person must become a certified trainer by completing the required training from the DEA.

**12.4(5)** The trainer’s certification shall be valid for three years from the date of issuance and must be renewed by retaking the instruction.

**12.4(6)** DEA may revoke a trainer’s certification for noncompliance with the training requirements. Such a revocation would occur only after a written warning.

**12.4(7)** It is the responsibility of certified trainers to keep the department notified of changes in contact information, such as address, E-mail, and telephone number. Certified trainers are also responsible for regularly checking the department’s Web site for updates to the curriculum. Updates shall be posted on the department’s Web site no later than July 1.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 231 and section 235B.16 and the Older Americans Act.

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