



KINGSTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Policy (LE-014)

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O. Reg. 395/23: Investigations, 2019,
s. 15.

1. Policy Statement

The Kingston Police Service Board (the Board) is committed to protecting older adults and vulnerable persons from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. It is the policy of this Board to direct the Chief of Police to establish and maintain procedures, training, and partnerships to support the prevention, investigation, and coordinated response to incidents of elder and vulnerable adult abuse, in accordance with legislative requirements and community needs.

2. Board Policy

It is the policy of the Kingston Police Service Board with respect to elder and vulnerable adult abuse that the Chief of Police will:

- a) Where possible, work in partnership with the local Crown, municipalities, community and social service agencies/providers, businesses, seniors', and other local organizations to develop programs for preventing and responding to complaints of elder and vulnerable adult abuse, including fraud awareness and prevention; and
- b) Develop and maintain written procedures that require that investigations into elder or vulnerable adult abuse be undertaken and managed in accordance with the Police Service's Criminal Investigation Management & Procedures;

- c) Ensure that the investigators have received the prescribed training as outlined in section 34 of *Ontario Regulation 87/24 - Training* or have the competence and experience to conduct the investigation;
- d) If the Police Service has a team primarily responsible for conducting investigations into elder abuse, the Chief of Police shall ensure that at least one member of the team has completed any training prescribed by the Minister, section 15 of *Ontario Regulation 395/23 – Investigations*;
- e) Establish and maintain written procedures and processes where investigations take place in Long-term Care Homes or Retirement Homes;
- f) Establish and maintain written procedures and processes regarding the Medic Alert Connect Program, if available to this Police Service;
- g) Establish and maintain written procedures and processes regarding Vulnerable Person Registry, if available to this Police Service; and
- h) Regularly review procedures on investigations into elder and vulnerable adult abuse to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings, and amendments to related legislation.

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