



Elder Abuse Prevention **Take ACTION!**

- 1 Elder abuse is *grossly under reported*
- 2 APS must have *Resources and Authority* to investigate fraud
- 3 Grant a *Grace Period* to financial institutions when depositors are making a withdrawal and/or transfer that is for a known fraud/scam
- 4 Request TBI post/update *Known Scams and Frauds* on their web site
- 5 Power of Attorney laws need to be addressed – *far too much abuse!*
- 6 Request District Attorneys to establish *Elder Abuse-Specific Prosecution Units* – consider offering development grants
- 7 REQUIRE *Improved Coordination of Investigations* of abuse – APS, Ombudsman, TBI – Law Enforcement, Health Department, etc.
- 8 Establish a *Dedicated State-Wide Toll-Free Number* for seniors to call to report fraud or attempted fraud and to ask questions - develop a media plan to get the word out – ask a well know Tennessean to promote the issue and the number
- 9 REQUIRE health care providers to *Improve Screening to Identify Cognitive Limitations Early* to aid in the prevention of abuse and fraud
- 10 Tennessee's Response to Protecting Older Adults *must* **BECOME AS IMPORTANT** as the state's efforts to protect children! A Vulnerable Person – **REGARDLESS of AGE** – *MUST* be protected!

Elder Abuse: Listen ... Believe > ACT