

Aging and People with Disabilities

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Topic: Protective Services

Subject: Deceased Reported Victims: Screening and Investigation

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Message: Please use the attached decision making tool as a guide when screening in cases in which the reported victim is deceased.

When screening cases that meet all other criteria for being screened in, but the reported victim is deceased, ask the following questions:

- 1) Is the allegation, if substantiated, within any applicable criminal statute of limitations (www.oregonlaws.org/ors/131.125)?
- 2) Will the allegation, if screened in, be considered a facility investigation?
- 3) Does the RP have access to other vulnerable individuals?

If the answer to any of the above question is “yes”, the case should be screened in. If the answer to all of the questions is “no”, the case should be screened out.

It is understood that not all such cases will be able to be accurately screened using this tool and discretion is allowed, however this tool is being provided as an indication of best practice.

If a reported victim dies after an allegation has been screened in, i.e. during the course of investigation, all steps of the investigation must be completed to the extent possible. Statutes and rules governing APS activities do not allow for the cessation or deletion of an investigation once it has begun.

Complete the investigation and associated investigative report, documenting the interviews, observations and other APS activities as well as the findings of fact that are

able to be arrived at, and the conclusion that is able to be drawn, based on the information available.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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The following decision making tree should be utilized only if the allegation you are screening has been determined to meet all other criteria for being screened in, but the RV in the alleged incident is now deceased.

	Yes	No
Is the allegation, if substantiated, within any applicable criminal statute of limitations (www.oregonlaws.org/ors/131.125)?	Screen In	
Will the allegation, if screened in, be considered a facility investigation?	Screen In	
Does the RP have access to other vulnerable individuals?	Screen In	

If the answer to any of the above questions is yes, Screen In. If the answer to all of the above questions is no, Screen Out.

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