

## **Executive Office of Elder Affairs**



Beginning July 1st, 2017 the Executive Office of Elder Affairs will centralize the Elder Protective Services abuse reporting system (elder abuse hotline) to a single phone number.

The 24/7 single phone number will simplify the process for elder abuse reporting.

All calls (day or night, 7 days a week) will go directly to the Massachusetts-based call center at 1-800-922-2275, regardless of the location of the reporter or the elder.

While the initial report intake will be centralized, all reports will continue to be referred to and handled by local Protective Services Agencies for screening, investigation, and service planning.

To report suspected elder abuse, please call the statewide 24-hour hotline at 1-800-922-2275.

The Following individuals are mandated by law to report elder abuse:

- Social workers Physicians Physician assistants Occupational therapists Nurses Physical therapists Medical interns Psychologists Family counselors Coroners Dentists Police Podiatrists Probation officers Osteopaths **EMTs** Firefighters
- Director of a home health aide agency Director of a homemaker agency Director of an assisted living residence Case managers Health aides Homemakers Director of a Council on Aging Council on Aging outreach workers