

Newsletter



Enhance Your Investigations: Understanding Decisional Capacity and Vulnerability to Crime

Effectively recognize and respond to older victims
with cognitive impairment

NEW! Tactical Training Module

Older Adults' Decisional Capacity in Law Enforcement Investigations



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The Interview Guide

Interview Guide for Investigators

Conducting Recorded Interviews to Document Cognitive
Status In Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Cases

Purpose and Use

This guide supports investigators in conducting recorded supplemental interviews (focused follow-up interviews after the initial victim interview) to capture evidence of an older victim's cognitive status close in time to the incident. The responses that you receive will help build a clearer picture of the victim and may assist prosecution when decision-making capacity is relevant.

This guide is not a substitute for professional judgment, full victim interviews, or expert assessments. Nor does it provide legal advice. Work closely with prosecutors to align interview goals and case strategy.



Why Record Interviews?

- Early recordings preserve critical evidence of a victim's capacity near the time of the

[Find the Interview Guide Here](#)

The Interview Checklist

Investigator Interview Checklist

- ✓ Confirm recording is approved by the prosecutor
- ✓ Review interview purpose and approach with prosecutor
- ✓ Explain interview and recording to victim
- ✓ Inform victim they can pause or stop anytime
- ✓ Ask orientation questions (place, people, time, events)

[Find the Checklist](#)

Interviewing Tip Sheet and Tools

Interviewing Older Adults

OVERCOME AGEISM

- Before beginning your interview, get in the right mind frame. Take a moment to clear your mind of stereotypes, good and bad, about older adults.

DO'S & DON'TS FOR MEMORY LOSS

[Tips and Tools](#)

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