

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**[Access the Module](#)**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

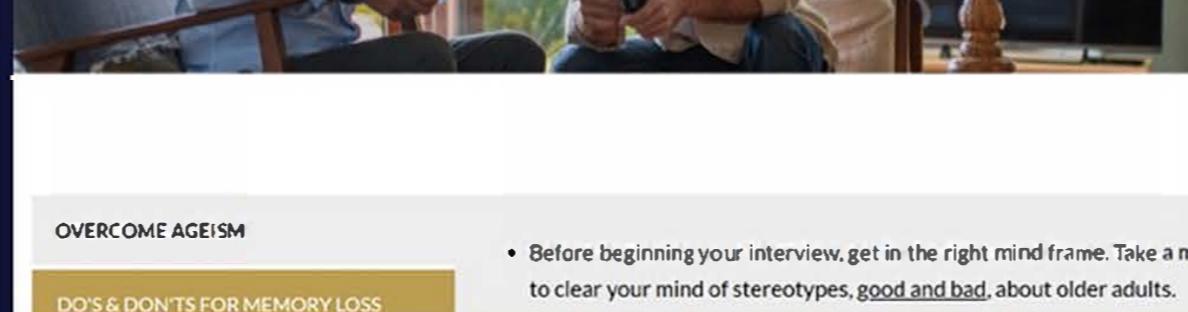
[Find the Interview Guide Here](#)**The Interview Checklist****Investigator Interview Checklist**

- ✓ 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****EAGLE**

Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement

TYPES OF ELDER ABUSE STATE SPECIFIC LAWS TOOLS AND TRAINING



OVERCOME AGEISM

DO'S & DON'TS FOR MEMORY LOSS

- 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.

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