

The MRAU Board of Directors feels it would be a very good thing for parents and care givers to become familiar with the laws dealing with disabled children and adults. Below are listed definitions and punishments as prescribed by law, along with links that will give all the information contained in the Utah Code.

[Utah Code](#)

[Title 76 Utah Criminal Code](#)

[Chapter 5 Offenses Against the Person](#)

**Section 110** Abuse or neglect of disabled child – Penalties

<http://www.le.utah.gov/UtahCode/getCodeSection?code=76-5-110>

**76-5-110 Abuse or neglect of disabled child – Penalties**

(c) "Disabled child" means any person under 18 years of age who is impaired because of mental illness, mental deficiency, physical illness or disability, or other cause, to the extent that the person is unable to care for the person's own personal safety or to provide necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, and medical care.

(d) "Neglect" means failure by a caretaker to provide care, nutrition, clothing, shelter, supervision, or medical care.

(2) Any caretaker who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly abuses or neglects a disabled child is guilty of a third degree felony.

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**Section 111** Abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult – Penalties

<http://www.le.utah.gov/UtahCode/getCodeSection?code=76-5-111>

**76-5-111 Abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult -- Penalties**

(t) "Vulnerable adult" means an elder adult, or an adult 18 years of age or older who has a mental or physical impairment which substantially affects that person's ability to:

(i) provide personal protection;

(ii) provide necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, or medical or other health care;

(iii) obtain services necessary for health, safety, or welfare;

(iv) carry out the activities of daily living;

(v) manage the adult's own resources; or

(vi) comprehend the nature and consequences of remaining in a situation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

(2) Under any circumstances likely to produce death or serious physical injury, any person, including a caretaker, who causes a vulnerable adult to suffer serious physical injury or, having the care of custody of a vulnerable adult, causes or permits that adult's person or health to be injured, or causes or permits a vulnerable adult to be placed in a situation where the adult's person or health is endangered, is guilty of the offense of aggravated abuse of a vulnerable adult as follows:

(a) if done intentionally or knowingly, the offense is a second degree felony;

(b) if done recklessly, the offense is third degree felony; and

© if done with criminal negligence, the offense is a class A misdemeanor.