

# Older Floridians Handbook: Laws and Programs Affecting Older Floridians (fifth edition)

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The **Older Floridians Handbook: Laws and Programs Affecting Older Floridians** (fifth edition) provides basic information relevant to Florida citizens over 60 years old and their families in the areas of financial assistance, including public benefits, health-care, housing, and planning for the future, including sections on wills, trusts, and other advance directives. It includes a particularly useful reference section at the end, listing a wide variety of agency referral contact numbers. The Handbook was first published by the Florida Justice Institute in 1980. Funds for printing the Handbook came from Florida's Dept. of Elder Affairs.

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A free copy of the Handbook is also available on the Florida Department of Elder Affairs website and at your local Area Agency on Aging (as long as supplies last).

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