

You can make a difference!

The Gatekeeper Program can save lives by training community members to recognize warning signs that could indicate someone needs help.

Gatekeepers are not expected to be social workers or counselors or to know a lot about programs and services.

Your call may help a person with a disability or a senior learn about community services that can keep a difficult situation from becoming a crisis.



For your company to become a Gatekeeper ...

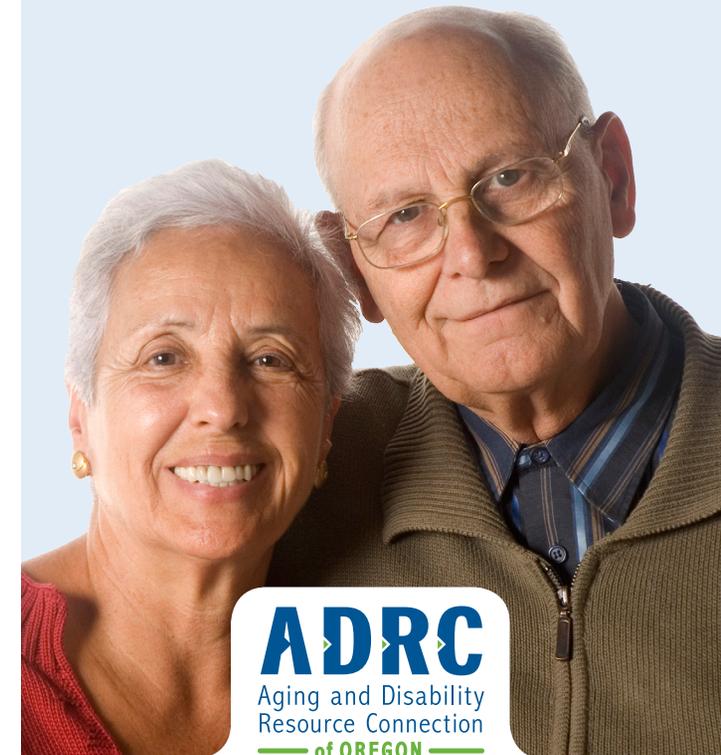
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Do your employees come in regular contact with seniors and people with disabilities?

If so, the Gatekeeper Program can train them to help keep at-risk people safe and living in their own homes.

It is easy for your company to become a gatekeeper. The program will help employees:

- Learn the warning signs for a senior or a person with disabilities who may need help;
- Learn what kind of information they should gather to help; and
- Find out how to get help for friends, family or even the employee.



Gatekeepers are clerks, bank tellers, pharmacists, mail carriers, neighbors and others

They are trained to recognize harmful but preventable situations such as changes in:

- Communication — signs of confusion, difficulty communicating;
- Financial — trouble paying bills, mention of missing funds, bounced checks, large withdrawals;
- Caregiver stress — frustration, despair, lack of support;
- Social isolation — isolated, unable to leave home, no visitors;
- Emotional health — depression, anxiety, personal loss;
- Appearance — unkempt, unshaven, soiled clothes;
- Physical limitations — difficulty seeing, hard time moving around home;
- Around the home — mail and newspapers stacking up, yard not kept up, debris, pets neglected, strong odors.



**Trainings are free.
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you and adapt our
presentations to fit
your needs.**

Gatekeepers work in partnership with the local Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC).

- When a trained gatekeeper notices a potential issue, that person contacts the ADRC.
- The ADRC then helps the senior or person with disabilities understand available options and access programs and resources to help them get care and support if they choose.