

508.090 Definitions for KRS 508.100 to 508.120.

As used in KRS 508.100 to 508.120, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Abuse or neglect" means:
 - (a) The infliction of:
 - 1. Physical pain or injury, including ingestion or inhalation of a controlled substance; or
 - 2. Mental injury; or
 - (b) The deprivation of services by a person which are necessary to maintain the health and welfare of a person, or a situation in which an adult, living alone, is unable to provide or obtain for himself or herself the services which are necessary to maintain his or her health or welfare;
- (2) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in KRS 218A.010; and
- (3) "Physically helpless" and "mentally helpless" means a person who lacks substantial capacity to defend himself or herself or solicit protection from law enforcement agencies.

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