

Instructions for Completing California Undue Influence Screening Tool (CUIST)¹

1. Complete the client's name and date.
2. Check all the factors that apply to the victim's circumstances.
3. Write in examples or comments that explain why you checked a box (see below for examples).
4. Complete the summary at the end of CUIST by checking the box(s) you believe apply to this client.
5. Specific actions taken after completing CUIST will depend on agency policy and in consultation with supervisors.

Client Vulnerability	Examples/Evidence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Problems with memory	When I asked Mrs. H what bank she uses and how much money she has, she said she didn't know. Mr. S does not remember marrying his caregiver.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Does not understand consequences of decisions	Mrs. G pays her caregiver \$2,000/mo. and her monthly income is \$1,800. When I told her that her savings will run out in two years, she told me I must be wrong.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dependent or passive behavior	Mrs. X insists that her niece answers questions for her.
Influencer Authority/Position of Power	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Controls elder's finances	Mrs. E's granddaughter is her representative payee and also has the pin number to her bank accounts.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has access to client's home/possessions, finances, documents, or private information	Mr. T's neighbor knows that Mr. T is gay, and Mr. T is afraid that the neighbor will tell Mr. T's family.
Actions or Tactics	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professionals or paid caregivers involve client in their personal lives or ask for gifts/loans.	Mrs. C's caregiver brings her children to work and asked Mrs. C for a loan to pay for her daughter's piano lessons.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rushes client to make decisions secretly and at inappropriate times and places.	Mr. D's son pressured him to make him executor of his estate while he was in the hospital shortly after a stroke.
Unfair or Improper Outcome(s)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes in prior intent, conduct, or practices	Mr. G's niece was beneficiary in his will for 20 years. Now, his caregiver of two months is his new beneficiary.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violation of rights	Mrs. A gave her best friend power of attorney (POA) for finances. Her nephew held the power in the past and knows about the change, but uses the old POA anyway.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excessive gifts, payments, or donations in light of length/nature of relationship	Mr. R. signed over his home to his attendant of 6 months
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deterioration of home or environment	Ms. L's utilities have been cut off.

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