

Although the following signs do not always mean elder abuse - they could be a warning sign. When in doubt, please call.

Signs of Elder Abuse

- Bruises
- Broken Bones
- Unusual Weight Loss
- Changes in Behavior
- Dirty/Not Bathing
- Not Allowed to Visit
- Sudden Changes in Financial Situation
- Items or Cash Missing from Person's Home

What Should I Do If...

I SUSPECT SOMEONE IS BEING NEGLECTED OR ABUSED?

If you know someone 60 years of age or older that you have reason to believe is at risk of neglect or abuse, call the Area Agency on Aging at:

1-800-982-4346 (toll-free)

You will be asked why you are concerned, who is involved and who we can contact to learn more.

Please Note: If you believe a person is in immediate danger, please call 911.

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Keeping Seniors Safe: Older Adult Protective Services



Everyone has the right to feel safe and secure. If you have reason to believe that someone is being abused - report it.

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Protective Services is available 24 hours a day.

Elder abuse refers to any knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to an older adult.

Elder Abuse Takes on Many Forms

ABANDONMENT

The desertion of an older person by someone who has been caring for them..

EXPLOITATION

The misrepresentation, coercion or threatening of a person to gain from them financially.

NEGLECT

The failure to provide for oneself, or failure for a caregiver to provide what is needed to avoid a serious threat to their physical or mental health.

PHYSICAL ABUSE

The infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation or punishment that results in physical pain.

MENTAL ABUSE

Threatening, belittling or attempting to control a person.

SEXUAL ABUSE

Non-consensual sexual contact of any kind.

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ELDER ABUSE FACTS

- Elder abuse can happen to anyone.
- Every five seconds an older person is abused.
- Nearly six million cases are reported each year.
- Many cases of elder abuse are not reported.
- The most common type of abuse is neglect.
- World Elder Abuse Day is June 15.

