

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

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- 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?

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

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.

