

DO YOU SUSPECT THAT AN OLDER ADULT IS BEING ABUSED?

Abuse is a Crime! If you or someone you know is being abused/bullied, there is help!

HOW DO I KNOW IF SOMEONE IS BEING ABUSED ?

The signs of abuse vary from person to person and sometimes it can be difficult to tell.

FORMS OF ELDER ABUSE

PHYSICAL - Acts of violence resulting in pain or injury.

SEXUAL - Non-consensual sexual contact or making someone witness sexual behaviors.

PSYCHOLOGICAL—Behavior causing mental or emotional suffering.

NEGLECT —Failure of responsible person to provide goods and/or services needed for the person to function or prevent harm.

SELF NEGLECT—Failure to provide food, water, adequate hygiene, appropriate clothing to oneself and harmful living conditions.

ABANDONMENT - desertion of vulnerable older adult by a person responsible for their care.

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION—Misuse of finances or assets.

SIGNS TO LOOK FOR

PHYSICAL/SEXUAL—bruises, scratches, lacerations, fractures, multiple injuries, favoring body areas, lack of eye contact.

PSYCHOLOGICAL—confusion, fear, withdrawn, agitation, depression, embarrassment, changes in sleep or eating habits.

NEGLECT and SELF-NEGLECT/ABANDONMENT—dehydration, malnutrition, pressure sores, weight loss, poor hygiene, unsanitary and/or unsafe living conditions.

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION—Transfer of assets such as property and bank accounts, lack of spending money, missing valuables, hoarding personal items, changes in financial resources, changing and/or signing legal documents.



Contact:

NLSM's Elder Law & Advocacy Center
(313) 937-8291

For Free Legal Help, Public Speakers,
Trainings and Outreach Presentations
on Elder Abuse

To Report Abuse:
Call Adult Protective
Services 24-Hour Hotline

1-855-444-3911

You can report
anonymously!



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