

Warning Signs for Elderly Abuse



1 in 10 Americans over the age of 60 will experience some form of elder abuse

Abuse later in life has deep and widespread effects on a victim. The abuse can include emotional, psychological, physical, financial, sexual and/or neglect. Often it is reflective of a long-term pattern of abuse, a new relationship, or due to changes in the relationship (i.e. retirement, unemployment, illness, living together).

Warning Signs:

- Bruises, pressure marks, broken bones, abrasions, or burns may be an indication of physical abuse, neglect, or mistreatment
- Unexplained withdrawal from normal activities, a sudden change in alertness, or unusual depression may be indicators of emotional abuse
- Unexplained or sudden changes in finances are indicators of financial exploitation
- Changes in personality, behavior, or physical condition
- Signs of isolation, being controlled, and/or threatened

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