



ELDER ABUSE

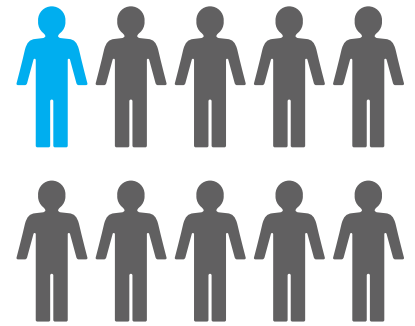
Fast Facts 2013

Here's what the research says...

1 in 10 AMERICANS AGE 60+ EXPERIENCED ABUSE OVER ONE YEAR, AND MANY EXPERIENCED IT IN MULTIPLE FORMS.

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ELDER ABUSE IS *underreported*.

The New York State Elder Abuse Prevalence Study found that for every elder abuse case known to programs and agencies, **23.5** were unknown. In the same study, they examined different types of abuse and found for each case of financial exploitation that reached authorities, **44** cases went unreported. The National Elder Abuse Incidence Study estimated that only 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse ever comes to the attention of authorities.



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ELDER ABUSE COSTS VICTIMS *billions of dollars* EACH YEAR.

The annual financial loss by victims of elder financial exploitation was estimated to be **\$2.9 billion** in 2009, a 12% increase from 2008.

National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Virginia Tech, Metlife Mature Market Institute (2011). *The metlife study of elder financial abuse: Crimes of occasion, desperation and predation against America's elders*. Westport, CT: Author.

ELDER ABUSE IS ASSOCIATED WITH *increased rates* OF HOSPITALIZATION IN THE COMMUNITY POPULATION.

Older adults who experienced abuse or neglect were **twice as likely** to be hospitalized than other seniors.

Dong X, Simon MA. Elder Abuse as a Risk Factor for Hospitalization in Older Persons. *JAMA Intern Med*. 2013;173(10):911-917. doi:10.1001/jamainternmed.2013.238.



NEARLY **1 in 2** PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA EXPERIENCE SOME FORM OF ABUSE BY OTHERS.

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SURVIVORS OF ELDER MISTREATMENT SUFFER *significantly higher levels* OF PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS THAN NON-VICTIMS.

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ELDERS WHO EXPERIENCE MISTREATMENT AND SELF-NEGLECT FACE A *greater risk* OF DYING SOONER.

Lachs MS, Williams CS, O'Brien S, Pillemer KA, Charlson ME. (1998). The mortality of elder mistreatment. *Journal of the American Medical Association*; 280(5): 428-432.



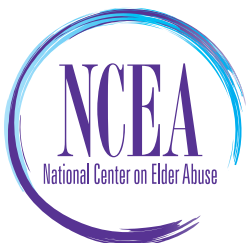
MORE THAN **41 MILLION** AMERICANS ARE 65 OR OLDER, AND ELDERS COMPRISE A GROWING PROPORTION OF THE U.S. POPULATION.

U.S. Census Facts for Features: Older Americans Month: 2013



In conclusion...

Elder Abuse is a major public health problem with significant impact on millions of people. The NCEA is at the forefront of the national fight against elder abuse. To learn more and get involved visit **ncea.aoa.gov**.



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