



## Red Flags of Elder Abuse

Does someone you care about display any warning signs of mistreatment?

### Physical Abuse

- Inadequately explained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores & burns.
- Untreated pressure “bed” sores

### Neglect

- Lack of basic hygiene
- Lack of adequate food
- Lack of medical aids (glasses, walker, teeth, hearing aid, medications)
- Lack of clean, appropriate clothing
- Demented person left unsupervised
- Bed bound person left without care
- Home cluttered, filthy, in disrepair, or having fire & safety hazards
- Home without adequate facilities (stove, refrigerator, heat, cooling, working plumbing, and electricity)
- Hoarding

### Financial Abuse

- Lack of amenities victim could afford
- Elder “voluntarily” giving inappropriate financial reimbursement for needed care and companionship
- Caregiver has control of elder’s money but is failing to provide for elder’s needs
- Caretaker “living off” elder
- Elder has signed property transfers Power of Attorney, new will, etc, when unable to comprehend the transaction

### Psychological Abuse

- Caregiver isolates elder (doesn’t let anyone into the home or speak to the elder)
- Caregiver is aggressive, controlling, addicted, or uncaring

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