

11 Things that Anyone Can Do to Prevent Elder Abuse

Learn the signs of elder abuse and neglect



- 2 Call or visit an elderly loved one and ask how he or she is doing
- Provide a respite break for a caregiver



- Ask your bank manager to train tellers on how to detect elder financial abuse
- **Ask your doctor** to ask you and all other senior patients about possible family violence in their lives



6 Contact your local Adult Protective Services or Long-Term Care Ombudsman to learn how to support their work helping at-risk elders and adults with disabilities

- 7 Organize a "Respect Your Elders" essay or poster contest in your child's school
- Ask your religious congregration's leader to give a talk about elder abuse at a service or to put a message about elder abuse in the bulletin
- **9 Volunteer to be a friendly visitor** to a nursing home resident or to a homebound senior in your neighborhood
- Send a letter to your local paper, radio or TV station suggesting that they cover World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15) or Grandparents Day in September



Dedicate your **bikeathon/marathon/ other event** to elder mistreatment
awareness and prevention

Find local resources for Seniors, People with Disabilities, and Caregivers!

Call the **ElderCare Locator** at **1-800-677-1116** or visit **www.eldercare.gov**.

For more information on elder abuse prevention, please visit **www.ncea.aoa.gov** or **www.centeronelderabuse.org**.

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