

Signs of Elder Abuse

Elder abuse can include neglect, physical, emotional, financial or sexual abuse. It is up to all of us to prevent and report suspected abuse. **Here are some signs of elder abuse that everyone should know.**



Emotional & Behavioral Signs

- Increased fear or anxiety
- Isolation from friends or family
- Unusual changes in behavior or sleep
- Withdrawal from normal activities



Physical Signs

- Dehydration or unusual weight loss
- Missing daily living aids (glasses, walker, or medication)
- Unexplained injuries, bruises, cuts, or sores
- Unsanitary living conditions and poor hygiene
- Unattended medical needs
- Torn, stained, or bloody underclothing
- Sexually transmitted diseases without clear explanation



Financial Signs

- Fraudulent signatures on financial documents
- Unpaid bills
- Unusual or sudden changes in spending patterns, will, or other financial documents

Reporting Abuse

Programs such as Adult Protective Services (APS) and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program are here to help. To find contact information for local reporting entities, contact the Eldercare Locator at **1-800-677-1116** (eldercare.acl.gov).

Talk with a trusted professional to help make a report or access more information:

In cases of urgent danger, call 911.

