



Elder Abuse Awareness Day

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Elder Abuse: Any form of willful oppression that results in danger, harm, or loss to someone 50 years and older. Perpetrators include children, other family members, and spouses—as well as staff at nursing homes, assisted living, and other facilities.

Types of Elder Abuse



Physical



Sexual



Emotional



Verbal



Financial



Neglect



Confinement



It's estimated that **1 in 10** Americans over the age of 60 report experiencing elder abuse.

82% of LGBT older adults reported having been victimized at least once and **64%** reported experiencing victimization at least **three** times in their lives.



Elder financial abuse cost seniors in the U.S. \$36.5 BILLION each year.

According to the WHO,

64%

of **nursing home staff members** admitted to abusing residents in 2017.

In almost

60%

of elder abuse and neglect incidents, **the perpetrator is a family member.**

Seniors who were physically abused had a

300%

greater risk of **prematurely dying** compared to those who had not been

Potential Signs of Abuse

- Pressure ulcers or bruises
- Scrapes or burns
- Weight loss
- Poor hygiene
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Isolation
- Withdrawal from activities
- Behavioral changes
- Missing possessions
- Lack of basic necessities
- Unusual loans or gifts
- Sudden changes in accounts or wills

Elder abuse victims are **2X** more likely to be hospitalized than other seniors.



1 in 3 elders are abused by their caregiver or other residents in the nursing home.

It's estimated that only **1 in 14** cases of elder abuse are reported to authorities.



END VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS

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