



ELDER ABUSE

What is Elder Abuse?

Elder abuse is a broad term used to describe many different types of abuse inflicted on seniors.

Elder abuse does not necessarily have to consist of physical pain or injury. Elder abuse can include any or a combination of the following: non-consensual sexual contact, emotional abuse (threats, intimidation, isolation or humiliation), financial exploitation (using the financial resources of an individual without consent to the benefit of someone else), and failure to provide the necessities of life (neglect).

Recognizing the signs:

- Unexplained injuries.
- Sudden changes in behaviour, such as depression, withdrawal, lack of interest.
- Hunger, dehydration, untreated medical problems, unsanitary living conditions, poor hygiene
- Sudden changes in financial situation, or changes of wills, power of attorney or insurance policy beneficiaries.
- Sudden close relationship with much younger individual, restricted access to outside world (visits, phone calls, outings).

Who can be an abuser?

- An abuser can be a caregiver, stranger, friend or relative.

What can you do?

If you are being abused, neglected or exploited or you suspect

someone you know is report it!! You can report abuse of any kind to the police.