

ELDER ABUSE

Hiding in Plain Sight

KEY CATEGORIES OF ELDER ABUSE

1. **ABANDONMENT** - The purposeful or willful and permanent desertion of an elderly person or dependent adult by anyone having care or custody of that person under circumstances in which a reasonable person would continue to provide care and/or custody, such as leaving him/her unattended for long periods of time and in public or private places.



2. **EMOTIONAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE** - The intentional or reckless infliction of mental or emotional anguish by threat, humiliation, intimidation, or other verbal or non-verbal abusive conduct as punishment for treatment or care of; such as name calling, insulting, ignoring for extended periods of time, frightening, intimidating, and isolating from friends and family and social activities.



3. **FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION** - The unauthorized use of funds or any resources of an elderly individual; the misuse of exploitation power of attorney or representative payee status for one's own advantage or profit; such as stealing of property or jewelry; obtaining the elderly person's signature for transfer of property or for a will through force, pressure or violence; scams and identity theft.



4. **NEGLECT** - The failure of a caregiver to NOT provide food, shelter, clothing, medical services, or health care for the person unable to care for him/herself and the failure to provide the basic needs for the elderly person's maintenance and well-being, either intentionally or accidentally.



5. **PHYSICAL/SEXUAL ABUSE** - Physical Abuse The intentional use of physical force that results in bodily injury, pain, or impairment; such as slapping, beating, cutting, burning, pushing or shoving, excessively restraining, force-feeding, and physical punishment; including nonconsensual contact and forced sexual rape.



6. **SELF-NEGLECT** - Self-neglect is when the behavior of an elderly person threatens his or her own health or safety; such as failure to provide oneself with proper hygiene; adequate food, clothing, shelter, medication, safety, sanitation; and finances .



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