

WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

It is the mistreatment or neglect of an elderly person usually by themselves or a relative or other caregiver

ELDER ABUSE MAY INCLUDE:

- Physical Violence
- Financial Exploitation
- Neglect
- Emotional Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Harassment/Intimidation
- Self Neglect (inability to care for self)

WHO MIGHT BE A VICTIM

- Age 60 or older.
- Dependent on someone else for basic needs.
- Suffering from a physical or mental impairment.

WHAT CAN BE DONE FOR VICTIMS OF ELDER ABUSE?

Elders may be afraid of retaliation or be too ashamed or embarrassed to take action against abusers. Some may wish to protect their family out of love. Victims may fear what will happen if they seek help. Help is available by professionals who understand these fears.

The following are just some of the resources available:

- **Social workers and nurses can come to your home to discuss your concerns.**
- **Help in finding a solution to your problem.**
- **Information on services available for the elderly in your community.**
- **Information on legal resources.**
- **Counseling regarding family concerns.**

WHERE DO YOU REPORT ELDER ABUSE?

- Report suspected cases of elder abuse to the Aging and Disability Resource Center.
- All calls are confidential.
- Once a call is made, a social worker or nurse will meet with the elderly person in their home to listen to their concern and help to find a resolution to the problem.

LEARN THE FACTS ABOUT ELDER ABUSE.

SEEK HELP FOR ELDERLY VICTIMS AND ABUSERS.

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO END ELDER ABUSE.

The Elder Abuse program is available to elders in need at no cost.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP STOP
ELDER ABUSE**

As caregivers...

You can talk out problems if you're experiencing conflict with family members or elderly relatives.

You can seek assistance from other family members.

You can gain knowledge of resources and options by contacting the Green County Aging and Disability Resource Center to speak with someone confidentially.

(608) 328-9499

Green County Human Services

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