

## WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

Elder abuse refers to intentional or negligent acts by a caregiver or “trusted” individual that causes (or potentially causes) harm to an older adult.

## WHO IS AT RISK?

Elder abuse can occur anywhere – in the home, in nursing homes, or other institutions. It affects seniors across all socioeconomic groups, cultures, and races.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUSPECT ELDER ABUSE?

### Report your concerns.

Remember: Most cases of elder abuse go undetected. Don’t assume that someone has already reported a suspicious situation.

In cases of immediate danger, call 911. Otherwise, you can call Eldercare Locator at 1-800-677-1116 to be connected to your local reporting agency.

For more information on agencies that can help, visit [www.ncea.aoa.gov](http://www.ncea.aoa.gov) and click on *Get Help* or call 1-855-500-3537 (ELDR).

## Plan!

Talk with family members, friends, and professionals that you trust and plan for your future.

## Be Cautious!

Unscrupulous people target seniors and will abuse or take advantage of them.

## Stay Connected!

Keep in touch regularly with others, isolation can make you vulnerable to abuse.

## Report!

Making a report in instances of abuse or neglect is the right thing to do, and it’s easy. Don’t be afraid! Elders have a right to be safe!



## WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

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**You can take action to protect yourself and your loved ones from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Let’s stop elder abuse together!**

To learn more about elder abuse go to [www.ncea.aoa.gov](http://www.ncea.aoa.gov), or find ways to take action at [www.acl.gov/weaad](http://www.acl.gov/weaad).