

Why should I care about elder abuse?

Older adults and people with disabilities who are abused often suffer in silence. Frequently, their abuser is a person they know and trust. In many cases the abuse is committed by a spouse, partner, family member or a caregiver.

Abuse can be verbal, physical, sexual, emotional and/or financial. Neglect and isolation are other kinds of abuse that often go unreported.

The abuse of elders and people with disabilities affects individuals from all walks of life, men as well as women and those older adults who experience dementia or poor memory.

The truth about adult abuse:

Elders who suffer even moderate abuse have a **300% higher risk of death** when compared with elders who have not experienced any abuse. - National Center on Elder Abuse

The annual cost of financial abuse or exploitation of older adults is **more than \$2.9 billion nationally**. - MetLife Study

Elder abuse victims are **three times more likely** to be admitted to a hospital for their injuries. - Journal of American Medical Association

Elder abuse injuries are estimated to contribute more than **\$5.3 billion** to the nation's **annual health expenditures**. - Journal of American Medical Association



What can **YOU** do to help stop the abuse of elders and people with disabilities?



Call toll free and report abuse!

**Confidential Statewide
Abuse Hotline
1-855-503-SAFE (7233)**

- If you or someone you know experiences a life-threatening emergency or is in immediate danger, dial 9-1-1 or contact your local law enforcement agency.
- For non-emergencies you can also contact your local Aging & People with Disabilities office, or your local Area Agency on Aging office.

**Place local contact office
information sticker here**