



Responding to the Abuse of Older Adults

If the situation is an emergency and you believe the senior is at risk call 911.

If you suspect that a senior is being mistreated, you should speak to that person. Help them consider options. Remain non-judgemental and supportive. Respect the senior's decision, should they decide to stay in the abusive relationship.

For more information or
to get help call:
Seniors Safety Line
1-866-299-1011

If it's an EMERGENCY call

911

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Community Elder Abuse Networks:

Elder Abuse Elgin
Oxford County Elder Abuse Network
Elder Abuse London Middlesex
Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health
Access Centre
Perth County Elder Abuse Committee
Huron County Elder Abuse Prevention
Grey-Bruce Senior Safety Network

And with the assistance of:



**KEEPING SENIORS
SAFE**



Consider support for the senior
through the Seniors Safety Line
1-866-229-1011

Addressing the abuse and
neglect of older adults together

Stop Abuse
Restore Respect

Mistreatment of Older Adults Can Include:

Financial Abuse

- Theft of a person's money, property or assets
- Misuse of power of attorney
- Forcing to sell property

Physical Abuse

- Pushing
- Shaking
- Hitting
- Over/under medicating
- Restraining

Psychological Abuse

- Threatening
- Bullying
- Humiliating
- Treating like a child

Neglect

Denying adequate:

- Nutrition
- Aids
- Medical attention
- Safe shelter
- Clothing

Sexual

- Inappropriate touching
- Forcing to engage in sexual behaviour that was not agreed to



Abuse is any action or inaction, by a person in a position of trust, which causes harm to an older adult.

ABUSE OF OLDER ADULTS

An Older Adult May...

- Live alone or with the abuser
- Be socially isolated
- Depend on the abuser
- Have some mental or physical frailty

An Abuser May...

- Have limited coping capacity
- Feel angry, resentful, frustrated
- Have substance abuse problems
- Have financial, family or health problems
- Be dependent on the victim

How Community Elder Abuse Networks Are Helping

Elder Abuse Networks work collaboratively with local seniors and service providers. Here are some of the ways they are addressing elder abuse in your community.

Elder Abuse Committees

- ✓ Regular meetings together
- ✓ Education and awareness events
- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Case consultation
- ✓ Speakers for workshops, training
- ✓ Distribute resource materials

Seniors Safety Line *in partnership with*
Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario

- ✓ Trained and caring staff
- ✓ Listen, support and assist senior callers, friends, concerned family, and service providers.
- ✓ 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- ✓ Respond in over 200 languages.
- ✓ Calls are confidential.

1-866-299-1011

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