

We can, collectively, help reduce the incidence of elder abuse.

To facilitate the preservation of the well-being, dignity and spirit of our elders, remember:

- Listen to seniors and their caregivers
- Intervene when you suspect elder abuse
- Educate others about how to recognize and report elder abuse

Senior Umbrella Network_{sm}

Mission Statement

The Senior Umbrella Network_{sm} is a multi-chapter organization of professionals who serve older adults and the disabled. SUN provides an open forum for these professionals to network, advocate and identify available services to meet the needs of older adults and the disabled.

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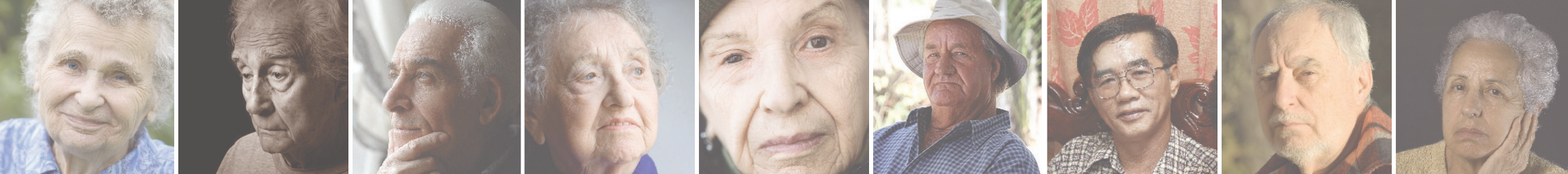


Recognize Elder Abuse

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Recognize Elder Abuse:

STOP • LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT!

Indicators of elder abuse and neglect are numerous and may be emotional, behavioral, medical, financial or sexual.

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS:

Depression, Fear, Anxiety
Isolation

Unexplained, Untreated Bruising

Noticeable Change in Behavior

Self-Neglect/Filthy Clothing and Bedding

Dehydration/Malnutrition

Under or Over Medication/
Substance Abuse

Physical Indicators of Sexual Abuse/ Sexually
Transmitted Diseases

Living Condition not commensurate with
Financial Situation

The U.S. Census Bureau projects that by 2025, 62 million Americans will be 65 or older. With the aging of the population, it is the responsibility of everyone, caregivers and general public alike, to be aware of the signs of elder abuse and to be advocates for this vulnerable group of people.

- Elder abuse is a knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or another person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable older adult.
- When an intimate partner or family member perpetrates elder abuse, it is considered domestic violence. Adult children are the most frequent abusers of the elderly in their homes while other family members and spouses rank as the next most likely abusers of the elderly.
- Abuse can be physical, psychological, and/or economic. Older women (67%) are far more likely than men (32%) to be victims of abuse, and a little more than half (53%) of the abusers are female.
- Financial, which includes missing/loss of money from accounts, others controlling credit/debit cards, theft of property, telemarketing fraud and consumer fraud are also rapidly growing areas of abuse.

Elder abuse victims need to be referred to the proper resources to obtain the services and assistance needed to rebuild their lives and gain protection from their abusers.

If someone is in **IMMEDIATE DANGER**, call **911** for immediate help. Further help and information is available at:

Nassau County:

Nassau County Department of Adult Protective Services
516-227-8082

Nassau County Department of Senior Citizen Affairs:
516-227-8900

Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.
516-542-0404 (24 hour hotline)

Suffolk County:

Suffolk County Department of Adult Protective Services
631-854-3195

Suffolk County Office for the Aging
631-853-8200

Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence
631-666-8833 (24 hour hotline)

Queens:

HRA/Adult Protective Services
718-883-8254

Jamaica Services for Older Adults
718-657-6500

Forest Hills Community House
718-592-5757

Brooklyn:

N.Y.C. Information line
Dial 311

HRA/Protective Services for Adults
718-722-4650

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