

## 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 <https://ncea.acl.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

Building Strong Support for Elders

*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 <https://ncea.acl.gov>, or find ways to take action at <http://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/weaad-home>.