

# World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

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is the color associated with elder abuse awareness.	If someone is in immediate danger, call .	abuse can cause bodily injury, physical pain, or impairment.	Residents of long-term care facilities have rights, known as , guaranteed by the federal Nursing Home Reform Law.	receives and investigates reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation in long-term care facilities.
is a known risk factor for elder abuse.	The National Elder Fraud Hotline is .	The impact of elder abuse is felt by people of ages.	Bedsore, unattended medical needs, poor hygiene, and unusual weight loss are signs of .	Only % of elder abuse cases are reported worldwide.
Social Security scams can be reported to .	About 1 in Americans aged 60+ have experienced abuse.	Create a society <b>FREE</b> from Elder Abuse.	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on every year.	is discrimination and stereotyping based on age.
Approximately 50% of people living with experience abuse or neglect.	Unwanted touching is an example of abuse.	It is up to to prevent and address elder abuse.	Fear and anxiety, isolation, and depression are all signs of abuse.	connects older Americans and caregivers with trustworthy local support resources.
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched in .	Government impersonation and the grandparent scam are examples of .	receives and investigates reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation in the community.	Unusual changes in money management, spending patterns, and financial documents are signs of abuse.	I can prevent elder abuse by .

# World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

WEAAD was launched on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations. WEAAD is an opportunity for individuals or organizations to take action to protect older people by raising awareness about elder abuse, why it occurs, and what we can do to stop it. We can act collectively to support justice for all.

## Signs of Elder Abuse

### EMOTIONAL & BEHAVIORAL SIGNS

- Increased fear or anxiety
- Isolation from friends or family
- Unusual changes in behavior or sleep
- Withdrawal from normal activities

### PHYSICAL SIGNS

- Dehydration or unusual weight loss
- Missing daily living aids (glasses, walker, or medication)
- Unexplained injuries, bruises, cuts, or sores
- Unsanitary living conditions and poor hygiene
- Unattended medical needs
- Torn, stained, or bloody underclothing
- Sexually transmitted diseases without clear explanation

### FINANCIAL SIGNS

- Fraudulent signatures on financial documents
- Unpaid bills
- Unusual or sudden changes in spending patterns, will, or other financial documents

## Resources and Support for Reporting Abuse:

Programs such as Adult Protective Services (APS) and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program are here to help. Report suspected abuse in the community to the local Adult Protective Services agency and report suspected abuse in a long-term care facility to the local Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. For serious and immediate emergencies, call 9-1-1.

To connect to a local or state reporting number, contact the Eldercare Locator at [eldercare.acl.gov](https://eldercare.acl.gov) or at [1-800-677-1116](tel:1-800-677-1116).

### 5 THINGS EVERYONE CAN DO TO PREVENT ELDER ABUSE

1. **Listen** to older people and caregivers to understand their challenges and provide support
2. **Educate** one another about the signs of abuse and how to get help
3. **Report** suspected abuse or neglect as soon as possible
4. **Build** a community that fosters social connections and supports
5. **Reach out** to professional services for support where available

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

- [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day \(WEAAD\) Microsite](#)
- [National Center on Elder Abuse](#)



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### ANSWER SHEET

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<b>Purple</b> is the color associated with elder abuse awareness.	If someone is in immediate danger, call <b>911</b> .	<b>Physical</b> abuse can cause bodily injury, physical pain, or impairment.	Residents of long-term care facilities have rights, known as <b>Residents' Rights</b> , guaranteed by the federal Nursing Home Reform Law.	<b>Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program</b> receives and investigates reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation in long-term care facilities.
<b>Social isolation</b> is a known risk factor for elder abuse.	The National Elder Fraud Hotline is <b>1-833-FRAUD-11 (1-833-372-8311)</b> .	The impact of elder abuse is felt by people of <b>all</b> ages.	Bedsore, unattended medical needs, poor hygiene, and unusual weight loss are signs of <b>neglect</b> .	Only <b>4%</b> of elder abuse cases are reported worldwide.
Social Security scams can be reported to <b>SSA Office of the Inspector General (oig.ssa.gov/report, 1-800-269-0271)</b> .	About 1 in <b>10</b> Americans aged 60+ have experienced abuse.	Create a society <b>FREE</b> from Elder Abuse.	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on <b>June 15th</b> , every year.	<b>Ageism</b> is discrimination and stereotyping based on age.
Approximately 50% of people living with <b>dementia</b> experience abuse or neglect.	Unwanted touching is an example of <b>sexual</b> abuse.	It is up to <b>everyone</b> to prevent and address elder abuse.	Fear and anxiety, isolation, and depression are all signs of <b>emotional/psychological</b> abuse.	<b>Eldercare Locator (eldercare.acl.gov, 1-800-677-1116)</b> connects older Americans and caregivers with trustworthy local support resources.
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched in <b>2006</b> .	Government impersonation and the grandparent scam are examples of <b>elder fraud</b> .	<b>Adult Protective Services</b> receives and investigates reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation in the community.	Unusual changes in money management, spending patterns, and financial documents are signs of <b>financial</b> abuse.	I can prevent elder abuse by <b>[answer]</b> .