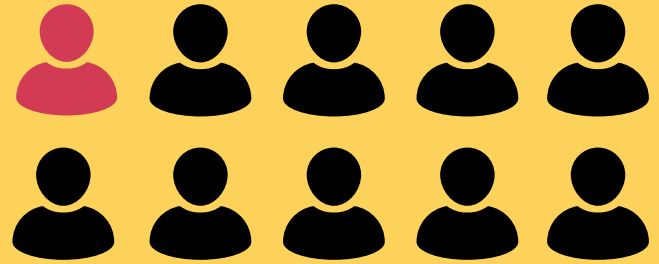


AGING & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Older patients facing domestic violence may display unique symptoms and risk factors. Professionals must recognize the influence of ageism on how these individuals are perceived when experiencing abuse. Understanding ageism and avoiding judgment of their choices are vital for providing effective support.

One in ten older adults will experience abuse and/or neglect every year.

Rosay, A. B., & Mulford, C. F. Prevalence estimates and correlates of elder abuse in the United States: The national intimate partner and sexual violence survey. Journal of elder abuse & neglect. January 2017.



Spotting the Signs of Elder Abuse

Each year, hundreds of thousands of adults over the age of 60 are abused, neglected, or financially exploited.

Here are signs that an older adult in your life may be experiencing abuse:



Physical

Unexplained injuries or physical signs of punishment or restraint, such as bruises, scars, or burns

Emotional

Depression, anxiety, or changes in behavior

Neglect

Preventable health problems such as bedsores or unclean living conditions

Abandonment

Leaving an older adult who needs help alone without planning for their care

Sexual

Changes in mood, becoming withdrawn, or other physical signs

Financial

Changes in banking or spending patterns

If you suspect an older adult is being abused, talk with them and report what you see to an authority.

Learn more at www.nia.nih.gov/elder-abuse.



If you need more information on specific resources or would like to speak one-on-one with a resource specialist, call the [Delaware Aging & Disability Resource Center](#)

1(800)-223-9074



If someone is in immediate danger call **911**.

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