

## Elder Abuse Education & Professional Training

Would you like to learn more about the problems of elder abuse? Presentations can be tailored to senior groups, community organizations and professionals who work with the elderly.

### Topics include:

- Types of Abuse
- Indicators of Abuse
- Risk Factors
- Barriers to Reporting
- Screening & Assessment
- Intervention
- Community Resources

If you are interested in having an Elder Abuse Presentation please call:

**Vera House**  
**Elder Abuse Educator**  
**315-425-0818**

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The Onondaga County Department of Aging & Youth and the New York State Office of the Aging.

## No one talks much about Elder Abuse

NOT THE VICTIMS who are too frightened, ashamed or sick. NOT FRIENDS OR NEIGHBORS who may not recognize the problem or know who to tell. AND NOT THE PERPETRATORS.

### resources

*Vera House 24-Hour Crisis & Support Line*

 **315-468-3260**

*Vera House TTY Crisis Line*

 **315-484-7263** (business hours)

*Onondaga County Adult Protective Services*

 **315-435-2815**

*Onondaga County Department of Aging & Youth*

 **315-435-2362**



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# Elder Abuse



**NO ONE DESERVES TO BE ABUSED**

• **24-HOUR HOTLINES**

•  **315-468-3260**

•  **315-422-7273**

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## What is Elder ABUSE, NEGLECT & EXPLOITATION?

**ABUSE** is any repeated behavior used to control you physically, sexually or emotionally.

**NEGLECT** is a caregiver's refusal to provide for your safety, physical, or emotional needs.

**EXPLOITATION** is stealing money or property or using money as a way to maintain control.

### Elder abuse can happen to anyone!

Regardless of your race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status.

### What to look for...

- Unexplained injuries, bruises, burns
- Excessive fears, withdrawal, agitation
- Sudden inability to pay bills, buy food or personal items
- Isolation and withdrawal from people and activities
- Changes in appetite; unusual weight gain or loss
- Poor personal hygiene
- Unaware of personal finances
- Changes in behavior around a family member/caregiver
- Unexpected changes in health

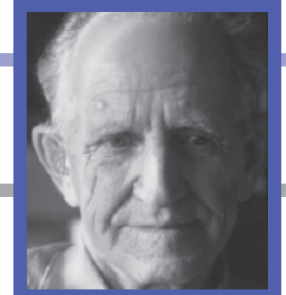


**ELDER ABUSE** can occur anywhere, but most often goes undetected at home



You may be more at risk to experience abuse because you may...

- not be able to defend yourself
- be isolated
- be less able to escape
- be dependent on others
- fear that you may not be taken seriously
- fear what could happen to you if you report abuse



Elder abuse usually happens by people we love, trust and rely on such as:

- Adult children
- Spouse/Partner
- Grandchildren or other family members
- Friends & neighbors
- Other people who regularly care for you