

Preventive Services

Preventive services include but are not limited to public awareness, alternate care (personal care/nursing facilities), health care surrogates, living wills, general services for the adult, court appointed guardianship, and hospitalization for mental health treatment.

Ways YOU can help prevent elder abuse:

- Become a member of the Big Sandy Council on Elder Maltreatment
- Learn to identify and recognize the types and signs of abuse & neglect
- Be a good neighbor
- Be a friend to a care giver
- Organize safety systems for your neighborhood
- Be alert to neighborhood scams
- Volunteer at an adult day care center or nursing home
- Learn more about adult abuse and its prevention -- Teach others
- Be aware of community services
- Understand which people are most likely to be abusers
- Understand which people are most likely to be abused
- Report suspected abuse and neglect

Important Phone Numbers for the

Big Sandy Area:

Abuse Hotline: 1-877-597-2331

State Police: 1-800-222-5555

State Long Term Care Ombudsman:

1-800-372-2991

Big Sandy LTC Ombudsman:

1-800-737-2723

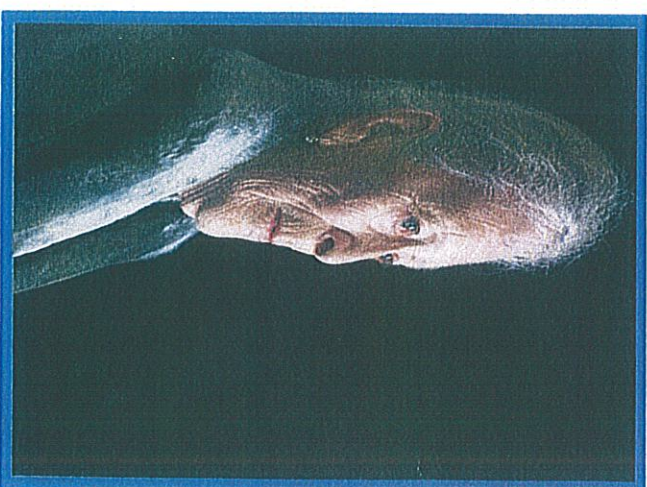
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Elder Abuse



Recognize

&

Report It

What is Elder Abuse?

Abuse is defined as the willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation or punishment with resulting physical harm, pain or mental anguish.

Elder abuse is defined as the abuse, neglect or exploitation of the elderly.

Types of Abuse

- Physical
- Psychological and emotional
- Neglect
- Financial
- Abandonment
- Self-Neglect
- Sexual
- Verbal

Examples of Abuse

- Threatening
- Harassing
- Blaming
- Demanding Remarks
- Isolation from family and friends
- Malnutrition
- Physical Injuries
- Unusual Bank Account Activity

What can I Do?

Elder abuse can always be reported to local law enforcement agencies. Protection & Permanency (Social Services) can also be notified and, if the abuse occurs in a long-term care facility, the local LTC ombudsman may be informed as well.

Reports can be made anonymously to any agency listed.

Who Must Report?

The list of people required to report suspected instances of elder abuse includes

EVERYONE!

Elder abuse is a quiet crime. Too often, we choose not go get involved because it is "none of our business."

It is our business!

Kentucky law says it is our business. If you even suspect elder abuse, YOU are legally required to report it.

Kentucky Statistics

In Kentucky, for the Fiscal Year 2011, there were 17,409 reported cases of elder abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation.

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services estimates that over 40,000 cases go unreported each year.

In over 80% of elder abuse cases, the perpetrator is a relative.



(Data from January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011)