Report It

Recognize Elder Abuse

Like us on Facebook
Big Sandy Council on Elder Mistreatment

Prepared by:

1-800-737-2723
Big Sandy Council on Elder Mistreatment

1-800-372-2723
Big Sandy LTC Ombudsman:

1-800-372-2991
State Long Term Care Ombudsman:

1-800-222-5555
State Police:

1-877-597-2331
Abuse Hotline:

Important Phone Numbers for the Big Sandy Area:

Ways you can help prevent elder abuse:

- Be a friend to a care giver
- Be a good neighbor
- Learn to identify and recognize the signs and types of abuse & neglect
- Become a member of the Big Sandy Council on Elder Mistreatment
- Organize safety systems for your neighborhood
- Be aware of community services & programs
- Report suspected abuse and neglect
- Educate yourself on your rights
- Educate others about elder abuse

Preventive Services include but are not limited to:

- Health care, mental health care, and/or counseling
- Bus services, meal programs, and personal care
- Public awareness, education, and prevention campaigns

Preventive services may be provided by other agencies or organizations.
What is Elder Abuse?

Elder Abuse is defined as actions that result in unreasonable confinement, injury, unreasonable punishment, neglect, or infliction of pain or mental anguish. Elder abuse can be reported to law enforcement agencies, protective service agencies, or local LTC ombudsman. If you believe an elder abuse has occurred, contact the local LTC ombudsman or protective service agencies, or local LTC ombudsman.

In Kentucky, for the Fiscal Year 2011, there were 7,409 reported cases of elder abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation. Family Services estimates that over 40,000 cases go unreported each year.

Kentucky Statistics

Elder abuse is a quiet crime. To other, we've none of our business. Everyone.

WHO MUST REPORT?

Reports can be made anonymously to any agency listed. Elder abuse is a quiet crime. To other, we've none of our business. Everyone.

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

Unusual bank account activity
physical injury
Medication
Isolation from family and friends
Demanding Remarks
Drinking
Harassment
Threatening

Examples of Abuse

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

Types of Abuse

for exploitation of the elderly.

What can I do?

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