

# Signs of Elder Abuse

Elder abuse can include neglect, physical, emotional, financial or sexual abuse. It is up to all of us to prevent and report suspected abuse. **Here are some signs of elder abuse that everyone should know.**

## Emotional & Behavioral Signs

- > Unusual changes in behavior or sleep
- > Fear or anxiety
- > Isolated or not responsive
- > Sadness

## Physical Signs

- > Broken bones, bruises, and welts
- > Cuts, sores or burns
- > Torn, stained or bloody underclothing
- > Sexually transmitted diseases without clear explanation
- > Dirtiness, poor nutrition or dehydration
- > Poor living conditions
- > Missing daily living aids (glasses, walker, and medications)

## Financial Signs

- > Unusual changes in bank account or money management
- > Unusual or quick changes in a will or other financial documents
- > Fake signatures on financial documents
- > Unpaid bills



## REPORTING ABUSE

Programs such as Adult Protective Services (APS) and the Long-Term Care Ombudsmen are here to help. For reporting numbers, contact Eldercare Locator at 1-800-677-1116 ([www.eldercare.acl.gov](http://www.eldercare.acl.gov)).

*In cases of urgent danger, call **911** or the local police or sheriff.*