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## Protect an Elderly or Disabled Family Member from Abuse or Neglect

Many elderly adults are abused or neglected everyday. If you suspect that an elderly person is at risk, it's important to speak up by calling the number listed below. Learn about the possible signs of abuse and neglect.

**1-800-286-3932**

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## Possible Signs of Abuse and Neglect

### **Victims**

- Unexplained burns, welts, bruises or cuts, especially on non-ambulatory patients
- Fractures, dislocations, sprains
- Weight loss; symptoms of malnutrition
- Dehydration
- Bedsores (decubitus ulcers)
- Untreated medical conditions or lack of necessary medication
- Lack of basic hygiene
- Lack of necessary dentures, glasses, hearing aids, etc.
- Fearfulness or mistrust of caretakers

### **Facilities**

- Unnecessary use of restraints
- Lack of supervision / insufficient staff
- Isolation; no participation in activities
- Strong odors of urine or feces

### **Financial Abuse**

- Sudden change in financial status
- Unusual bank account activity
- Frequent checks written for cash or to a caregiver/stranger
- Unpaid bills

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