

SafeSeniors

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1 in 10 older Americans experience abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.



~~it's my fault~~

- she hit me
- they took my money
- my caregiver left me alone



**REPORT ABUSE:
855-444-3911**

How to recognize the potential signs of abuse, caregiver neglect, and exploitation of older adults.

POTENTIAL SIGNS TO WATCH FOR:

PHYSICAL



Unexplained injuries or sores



Dehydration or unusual weight loss



Missing medication or medical assistance devices



Unsanitary living conditions or poor hygiene



Unattended medical needs or missed appointments

EMOTIONAL • BEHAVIORAL



Unusual changes in behavior or sleep patterns



Withdrawal from normal activities



Isolation from friends or family



Increased anxiety or fear



Hesitance to speak in presence of “caregiver”

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION



Unpaid bills or unmet needs, despite seemingly adequate income & assets



Missing household items



Unexpected changes in wills or property deeds



Purchase of large items the older adult does not use



Changes in spending habits/patterns
(checks made out to cash or written out of order, unusual ATM/debit card usage)

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