



Protecting NYC's Elderly: Recognizing and Preventing Nursing Home Abuse



"1 in 6 nursing home residents experience abuse. Know the signs, understand your rights, and take action."

Source: <https://www.seniorliving.org/research/elder-abuse-statistics/>

What is Nursing Home Abuse?



Physical Abuse:

Intentional infliction of physical pain or injury.



Psychological Abuse:

Verbal abuse, intimidation, humiliation, or isolation.



Neglect:

Failure to provide basic needs like food, hygiene, or medical care.



Financial Exploitation:

Unauthorized use of a resident's funds or property.

Data Visualization:

Financial

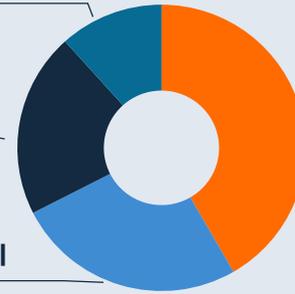
10%

Physical

20%

Emotional

30%



Neglect

40%

Source: <https://ncea.acl.gov/researchstatisticsanddata#gsc.tab=0>

Red Flags: Signs of Abuse

Source: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9261065/>

	Bruises, fractures, fearfulness, sudden changes in behavior.
	Mood swings, withdrawal, reluctance to speak openly.
	Weight loss, bedsores, unsanitary living conditions.
	Missing belongings, unusual bank transactions.

Your Rights and the Law



Federal Law

Nursing Home Reform Act (1987): Ensures residents' rights to dignity, quality care, and freedom from abuse.

State Law (New York)

New York Public Health Law: Regulates nursing homes and requires abuse reporting.



Resident Rights:

Dignity, privacy, choice in care, ability to file complaints.

Take Action: Report Abuse Now

Document Evidence:

- Dates and times of incidents.
- Descriptions of injuries or neglect (e.g., bedsores, bruises).
- Photos or videos as evidence
- Names and contact details of witnesses.



Seek Legal Counsel:

Consult attorneys specializing in elder abuse



Report to Authorities:

Contact NYC Adult Protective Services.

Preventing Abuse: Be Proactive



Research Facilities Thoroughly



Visit Regularly and Unannounced



Communicate Openly



Know Your Rights



Suspect abuse? Act now. Call the NYC Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-677-1116

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