

# Detecting Elder Abuse in the Home

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Most [senior abuse](#) cases involve a nursing home failing to administer the care that was expected. Nursing home abuse and neglect are major issues, but homecare is another area where seniors sometimes go through devastating neglect with little chance of anyone standing up for them. Older people are, obviously, less physically capable of defending themselves when someone visits violence upon them. They are also subject to being separated from reality because of some of the psychological issues that tend to come along with aging. This can lead to innumerable situations where the elder's quality of life, and sometimes life in general, is threatened.

Physical elder neglect doesn't always leave visible signs. When a person is in a weakened condition, it's not necessary that an abuser bruise the victim to inflict real pain and to cause very real intimidation. The signs of this type of abuse are oftentimes very subtle, involving a difference in the victim's personality. Look for the same signs that you would predict to come across in any victim of bullying. Oftentimes, not being able to stick up for Bear in mind } that having a person much younger stand up for you can feel like a blow to your dignity , so keep in mind that seniors in need of help may be hesitant.

Elder abuse help, if there is outright violence and theft involved, should involve the police before anything else. Seniors who are being abused are at very serious risks. Their bodies and their minds aren't as sharp as they once were, and this makes them easy prey for those who have no moral qualms about exploiting those in a susceptible situation. You'll want to contact an attorney once you know the elder is safe from further harm.

[Nursing home abuse lawyers](#) will normally take any case that involves elder abuse, whether it happened directly in a nursing home or somewhere else, such as in an assisted living facility. This provides you a chance to get either a settlement or a jury award due to the damages that you and your loved one have endured. In many cases, egregious cases of abuse end in a settlement, which means that you don't have to go to court. The lawyers that take these cases will sometimes work on a contingency basis and offer a complimentary consultation to those who have been hurt.