

Are You at Risk for **Elder Abuse?**

Elder abusers can come in many forms - they could be men or women of any age or race, and they may or may not be related to the victim. Abuse may even come from caregivers or peers. Unfortunately, because of varying circumstances, some seniors may be more at risk for abuse than others.







If you feel that you are a victim of Elder Abuse or you believe it has been inflicted upon someone you know or love, **REPORT** IT!

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What is Elder Abuse?

According to the World Health Organization, Elder Abuse is "a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person".

Elder Abuse can be verbal, physical, emotional, sexual or financial. It can also be intentional or unintentional neglect. Unfortunately, Elder Abuse is a growing problem in Wisconsin.

Elder Abuse by the Numbers

Between 2001 and 2018, Wisconsin has seen a staggering 170% increase in reported Elder Abuse cases.

Source: Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources

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Elder Abuse Comes in Different Forms

In order to effectively identify and report Elder Abuse, it's important to understand what it consists of and what signs to look for in its various forms.

- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Financial Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Neglect

Learn more about how to identify the symptoms at: **ReportElderAbuseWI.org**