

Signs of Abuse:

Physical signs may include cuts, puncture wounds, burns, bruises, welts, dehydration or malnutrition, poor coloration, sunken eyes or cheeks, soiled clothing or bed, or lack of necessities such as food, water or utilities.

Behavioral Signs of Abuse:

Behavioral signs may include fear, anxiety, agitation, anger, isolation, withdrawal, depression, non-responsiveness, resignation, ambivalence, contradictory statements, implausible stories, hesitation to talk openly, confusion or disorientation.

Florida has 4.36 million residents age 60 and older.
(U.S. Census, 2008)

Florida Alleged Mistreatments Against Elders 2008-2009 Department of Children and Families

PHYSICAL INJURY	10%
SEXUAL ABUSE	1%
NEGLECT	62%
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	1%
EXPLOITATION	18%
MENTAL INJURY	8%

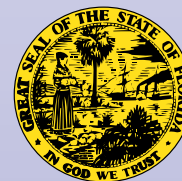
Total 41,019

State of Florida
Department of Elder Affairs
4040 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, FL
32399-7000
850-414-2000

**No one has the right to hit you,
to treat you like a child or
to humiliate you.
No one has the right to
take your money or to hurt you.
If they respect or care about you,
they'll remember that.**



Report Elder Abuse
1-800-96-Abuse



The Power to Prevent Elder Abuse



Is in Your Hands

Elders have the right not to be yelled at and not to be threatened.



Elders have the right to control their finances and property.

Contacts

Elder Abuse Hotline: (24-hour)
1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873)

Domestic Violence Hotline: (24-hour)
1-800-500-1119

Elder Helpline:
1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337)

Fraud Hotline:
1-800-378-0445

Statewide Senior Legal Helpline:
1-888-895-7873

Long-Term Care Ombudsman:
(for those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities)
1-888-831-0404

Consumer Services Division:
1-800-435-7352

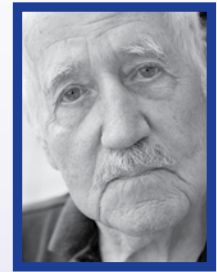
Financial Services:
1-800-342-2762

National Fraud Information Center:
1-800-876-7060

TDD
(for hearing impaired)
Elder Abuse Hotline number 1-800-453-5145
Elder Helpline number 1-800-955-8771

EMERGENCY SERVICES
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What Is Abuse?



Physical Abuse:

Pushing, striking, slapping, kicking, pinching, restraining, shaking, beating, burning, hitting, shoving or other acts that can cause harm to an elder.

Emotional or Psychological Abuse:

Verbal berating, harassment, intimidation, threats of punishment or deprivation, criticism, demeaning comments, coercive behavior or isolation from family and friends.

Financial or Material Exploitation:

Improper use of an elder's funds, property, or assets; cashing checks without permission; forging signatures; forcing or deceiving an older person into signing a document; using an ATM/debit card without permission.

Sexual Abuse:

Nonconsensual sexual contact of any kind including assault or battery, rape, sodomy, coerced nudity or sexually explicit photographing.

Self-neglect:

When individuals fail to provide themselves with whatever is necessary to prevent physical or emotional harm or pain.