



Know the Common Signs

Elder Abuse and Neglect:

Studies show that between 2 and 10% of the nation's older adult population experiences abuse, neglect, financial exploitation or self-neglect each year. Common signs:

- Inadequately explained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores & burns
- Untreated pressure ulcers (bed sores)
- Unexplained delay in seeking care for injuries
- Demented person left unsupervised
- Bed bound person left without care
- Caregiver isolates elder (doesn't let anyone into the home or speak to the elder)
- Abduction, person with dementia cannot consent, is taken out of the state, and restrained from returning
- Loved one exhibits fear, withdrawal, agitation around caregiver
- Inappropriate clothing and atypical lack of hygiene
- Withdrawals of money and/or transfers of property not commensurate with services provided
- Inappropriate use of medications
- The abuser is often dependent on the person being abused
- Demented person lives alone and is unable to manage his/her personal needs

**To Report Elder Abuse or Neglect, call
Orange County Adult Protective Services:**

800.285.3207

Education for Families

Building a Care Partnership: Protecting Loved Ones Together

A special workshop for family caregivers who have recently hired in-home care for their loved or have moved their loved one to a care facility

Avoid misunderstandings and frustration with hired caregivers through effective communication techniques.

This workshop will address:

- How your values and the caregivers' values influence our expectations
- How to communicate your care expectations
- Helping the caregiver get to know your loved one
- Monitoring your loved one's care
- Recognizing mistreatment

With this information, you will be better able to:

- Decrease the risk of caregiver misunderstandings with family and loved ones
- Effectively monitor caregiving practices

Call the Alzheimer's Association for the next workshop

24/7 Helpline 1.800.272.3900

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