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Elder Abuse and Neglect

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Abuse and neglect of older adults includes many types of adverse actions affecting the financial, health and mental health well being of individuals living independently in the community and in group residential settings and institutions. Family members and friends, by acquaintances and strangers, by businessmen and professionals, or by staff of residential settings whose responsibility is to serve and protect their vulnerability, may instigate abuse and neglect of the elderly. At present there is no federal law on elder abuse in the United States. States have laws for reporting, investigating and prosecuting abuse. The state systems implementing these laws involve a number of state and local social service, legal and law enforcement officials and agencies. Funding to support prevention and investigation comes principally from federal Social Service Block Grants, Older Americans Act, and state legislature appropriations. The system for reporting and investigating abuse in nursing homes (and extension into assisted living facilities) in the United States is different from reporting and investigating abuse in the community. Cooperation between systems – the Long Term Care Ombudsman for nursing homes and Adult Protective Services for home and community – is necessary particularly since vulnerable elderly move frequently between long term care, health care and independent living settings.

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Consumer Information - Understanding

What is Elder Abuse?

(National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse)

<http://www.preventelderabuse.org/elderabuse/elderabuse.html>

Elder Abuse is a Serious Problem

(U.S. Administration on Aging)

http://www.aoa.gov/eldfam/Elder_Rights/Elder_Abuse/Elder_Abuse.asp

What are the Major Types of Elder Abuse

(National Center for Elder Abuse)

<http://www.elderabusecenter.org/basic/index.html>

Avoiding Abuse

(AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org/confacts/health/avoidabuse.html>

Adult Victims of Crime and Abuse in Residential Care Facilities

(National Organization for Victim Assistance)

http://www.try-nova.org/Victims/elderly_abuse.html

Understanding Elder Abuse

(Iowa State University Extension)

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/PM1478X9.pdf>

Consumer Information – Getting Assistance

Reporting Abuse – State Toll Free Numbers

(National Center for Elder Abuse)

<http://www.elderabusecenter.org/report/index.html>

National Eldercare Locator

<http://www.eldercare.gov/>

How to Get Help If You or Someone You Know Has Been the Victim of Crime

(National Organization for Victim Assistance)

http://www.try-nova.org/Victims/help_after_victimization.html

Resource Centers

National Elder Abuse Center

<http://www.elderabusecenter.org/>

Medline Plus: Elder Abuse

(National Library of Medicine)

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/elderabuse.html>

Clearinghouse for Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly

<http://db.rdms.udel.edu:8080/CANE/index.jsp>

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

<http://www.nsvrc.org/>

Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse

<http://www.mincava.umn.edu/elderv.asp>

National Organization for Victim Assistance

<http://www.try-nova.org/index.html>

National Women's Health Information Center

<http://www.4woman.gov/violence/index.cfm?page=93>

Statistics

A Response to the Abuse of Vulnerable Adults: The 2000 Survey of State Adult Protective Services

Executive Summary (Draft)

<http://www.elderabusecenter.org/whatnew/vulnerableadults.pdf>

National Elder Abuse Incident Report (1998)

<http://www.aoa.gov/abuse/report/default.htm>

Bureau of Justice Statistics- 2000 Crimes against Persons Age 65 or Older, 1992-97

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cpa6597.pdf>

Crimes Against Persons Age 65 or Older, 1992-97

(U.S. Department of Justice)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cpa6597.htm>

Full Report of the Prevalence, Incidence, and Consequences of Violence Against Women, by Patricia Tjaden and Nancy Thoennes, November 2000

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/183781.htm>

Extent, Nature, and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence by Patricia Tjaden and Nancy Thoennes, July 2000

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/181867.htm>

Statistics – Preventing Abuse of Older People by Families and Friends

(Australia)

(Commonwealth of Health and Aged Care)

<http://www.sa.agedrights.asn.au/prevent/statistics.html>

Federal Executive Branch

Resources

Elder Justice

(U.S. Department of Justice)

<http://www.justice.gov/elderjustice.htm>

Training Grants to Stop Abuse and Sexual Assault Against Older Individuals or Individuals with Disabilities

(U.S. Department of Justice)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/grants/elderabuse/app02.pdf>

Reports

Healing Shattered Lives: Assessment of Selected Domestic Violence Programs in Primary Health Care Settings

(Office of Minority and Women's Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

<ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/bphc/pdf/omwh/domesticviolence.pdf>

Our Aging Population: Promoting Empowerment, Preventing Vicimization, And Implementing Coordinated Interventions

(U.S. Department of Justice)

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/docs/ncj_186256.pdf

Elderly Victims – Chapter in First Response to Victims of Crimes

(U.S. Department of Justice)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/firstrep/2001/eldvic.html>

Results from an Elder Abuse Prevention Experiment in New York City September 2001

(U.S. Department of Justice)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/188675.htm>

Extent, Nature, and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence

(U.S. Department of Justice)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/181867.htm>

Prevalence, Incidence, and Consequences of Violence Against Women: Findings From the national Violence Against Women Survey

(U.S. Department of Justice)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/172837.htm>

Native American Elder Abuse

(U.S. Department of Justice)

http://w3.uokhsc.edu/ccan/elder_abuse.doc

Congressional Oversight

Identity Theft: The Nation's Fastest Growing Crime Wave Hits Seniors

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

Text: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=82327.wais&directory=/diskb/wais/d ata/107_senate_hearings

Pdf: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=82327.pdf&directory=/diskb/wais/data/107_senate_hearings

Schemers, Scammers and Sweetheart Deals: Financial Predators of the Elderly

Hearing held May, 20, 2002)

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

(Committee website currently under reconstruction)

Swindlers, Hucksters and Snake Oil Salesmen: The Hype and Hope of Marketing Anti-Aging Products to Seniors

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

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Pdf: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=76011.pdf&directory=/diskb/wais/data/107_senate_hearings

Saving Our Seniors: Preventing Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation

Hearing (June 2001)

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

Text: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=74685.wais&directory=/diskb/wais/data/107_senate_hearings

Pdf: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=74685.pdf&directory=/diskb/wais/data/107_senate_hearings

Safeguarding Our Seniors: Protecting the Elderly from Physical and Sexual Abuse in Nursing Homes – Hearing (March 2002)

(U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging)

Text: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=78785.wais&directory=/diskb/wais/data/107_senate_hearings

Pdf: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=78785.pdf&directory=/diskb/wais/data/107_senate_hearings

State and Local Government

Table on State Adult Protective Service Laws

(University of Kansas)

<http://raven.cc.ukans.edu/~webmom/class/APStable0416.pdf>

Information About Laws Related to Elder Abuse

(National Center for Elder Abuse)

<http://www.elderabusecenter.org/laws/index.html>

Web Sites of State Adult Protective Service Agencies

[Scroll to bottom]

(National Center for Elder Abuse)

<http://www.elderabusecenter.org/link/index.html>

Alabama

Elder Abuse Information

(Alabama Department of Senior Services)

<http://www.adss.state.al.us/elderabuse.htm>

Arizona

Elder Abuse: Potential Legal Remedies

(State of Arizona Attorney General's Office)

http://www.attorney_general.state.az.us/seniors/elderabuse.pdf

You Are Not Alone: An Elder Abuse Information and Resource Guide

(Mesa Police Department)

<http://www.ci.mesa.az.us/police/elderabuse.asp>

California

A Citizen's Guide to Preventing and Reporting Elder Abuse

(California Department of Justice)

<http://www.caag.state.ca.us/bmfea/pdfs/guide.pdf>

Report of Suspected Dependent Adult/Elder Abuse [form]

(California Health and Human Services)

<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/pdf/SOC341.PDF>

Elder Abuse Prevention – A Consortium

(Oaktrees Organization)

<http://www.oaktrees.org/elder/>

Elder Abuse Unit – Protecting Senior Citizens

(District Attorney County of Los Angeles)

<http://da.co.la.ca.us/seniors/default.htm>

Elder Abuse

(San Luis Obispo Area Agency on Aging)

<http://www.slonet.org/~seniors/sloguide/abuse1.html>

Elder Abuse

(Area Agency for Aging for Santa Barbara County)

<http://www.slonet.org/~seniors/sbguide/abuse3.html>

Elder Abuse Prevention

(Ventura Area Agency on Aging)

<http://www.ventura.org/vcaging/abuse.htm>

Connecticut

Elder Abuse Unit

(Connecticut Division of Justice)

<http://www.csa0.state.ct.us/What We Do/elderabuse.htm>

Florida

Reporting Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation To The Florida Abuse Hotline

(Department of Elder Affairs)

http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/english/elder_abuse.html

Elder Abuse and Neglect – Why It Happens and What Florida is Doing About It

(Florida Agency for Health Care)

http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Executive/Communications/vital_signs_quarterly/Fall-01/article2.html

TRIAD/SALT Council

http://legal.firm.edu/sheriff/manatee/crime_prevention_triadsalt.htm

Illinois

Preventing Abuse of Older Persons Who Live in the Community

(Illinois Department for the Aging)

<http://www.state.il.us/aging/1abuselegal/abuse.htm>

Elder Abuse and Neglect Act

(Illinois General Assembly)

<http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/ilcs/ch320/ch320act20.htm>

Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation

(Egyptian Area Agency on Aging)

<http://www.egyptianaaa.org/ElderAbuse.htm>

Elder Abuse Prevention

(Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging)

<http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/advocacy/elderabuse.html>

Indiana

Violence Against the Elderly

(Indiana Prevention Resource Center)

<http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/publications/ncadi/radar/rguides/MS719.html>

Adult Protective Service

(Clark County Prosecuting Attorney)

<http://www.clarkprosecutor.org/html/aps/apshappn.htm>

Iowa

Elder Abuse Prevention, Detection, Reporting and Intervention

(Iowa Department of Elder Affairs)

<http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/advocacy/elderabuse.html>

Kentucky

Elder Crime

(Office of the Fayette Commonwealth Attorney)

<http://www.lexingtonprosecutor.com/elder.htm>

Elder Abuse Hurts All of Us

(Senior Services of Northern Kentucky)

<http://seniorservicesnky.org/abuse.html>

Massachusetts

Seniors – Abuse and Neglect

(Norfolk District Attorney Office)

http://www.state.ma.us/da/norfolk/seniors_abuse.html

Massachusetts Elder Abuse Reporting Law

(Burlington, MA Police Department)

<http://www.bpd.org/lc/elderlaw.htm>

Elder Abuse Section

(Burlington Massachusetts Police Department)

<http://www.bpd.org/lc/dv5.htm>

Maine

Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation in Licensed Facilities

<http://www.state.me.us/dhs/beas/resource/anequide.htm>

Elders Advocacy - Maine

(Family Crisis Services)

<http://www.familycrisis.org/elderAdvoc.html>

Michigan

Reporting Elder Abuse

(State of Michigan)

http://www.michigan.gov/emi/0,1303,7-102-112_219_241-46053--,00.html

Adult Protective Services

(Family Independence Agency)

http://www.michigan.gov/fia/0,1607,7-124-5452_7119-15663--,00.html

Elder Abuse/Crime Prevention

(Senior Alliance Area Agency on Aging)

<http://www.aasc.org/progservice-eabuse.htm>

Minnesota

Stop Elder Abuse - If You Think Someone Is Being Abused, Take Action Now

(Minnesota Board on Aging)

<http://www.mnaging.org/services/elderabuse.html>

Montana

Elder Abuse Prevention/ VISTA

(Montana Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://www.discoveringmontana.com/mcsn/acmac/elderabuse.html>

Billings Chapter for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

<http://www.mtelderabuseprevention.org/index.html>

Nevada

How to Recognize Elder Abuse - What the Law Says About Abuse of the Elderly

(Nevada Office of the Attorney General)

<http://ag.state.nv.us/agpubs/elderabu.htm>

New Jersey

Elder Abuse

(Healthy New Jersey)

<http://www.healthynj.org/health-wellness/elderabuse/links.htm>

New York

Promoting Respect, Integrity and Dignity in Elders – Monroe County

<http://www.elderrespect.org/>

Elder Abuse Hurts

(New York City Department for the Aging)

http://home.nyc.gov/html/dfta/pdf/elder_abuse.pdf

Elder Abuse – What You Need to Know

(Westchester County Hebrew Home)

<http://www.elderserve.org/elderabuse.htm>

What is Elder Abuse?

(Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk)

<http://www.vibs.org/Elders.htm>

North Carolina

Elder Abuse

(North Carolina Department of Justice)

<http://www.jus.state.nc.us/cr/ea.htm>

Oregon

Elder Abuse Prevention Act

(Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence)

http://www.ocadsv.com/ors_elder_abuse_presv.html

Elder Abuse Prevention Act Instructions and Form for Affidavit

(Circuit Court for the County of Deschutes)

<http://www.deschutescircuitcourt.org/Civil/eapaproof.pdf>

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Older Adult Protective Services Training Institute

(Temple University at Harrisburg)

<http://www.temple.edu/harrisburg/schools/oapsti/training/abuse/statistics.html>

Summary of the State Elder Abuse Questionnaire for Pennsylvania

(University of Iowa Department of Family Medicine)

<http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/med/familymedicine/research/pdf/pennsylvania.pdf>

Tennessee

Elder Abuse

(Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability)

<http://www.state.tn.us/comaging/elderabuse.html>

Elder Abuse

(Community Coalition on Family Violence)

<http://www.ccfv.org/elder~.html>

Texas

Why Not Forgotten – Elder Abuse Prevention

(Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services)

http://www.tdprs.state.tx.us/Not_Forgotten/5-Specialfeatures/NotForgotWeb-4.html

Abuse and Older People: What is It?

(Area Agency of Tarrant County)

<http://www.aaatc.org/abuse.htm>

Utah

Elder Abuse

(Salt Lake County Aging Services)

<http://www.slcoagingservices.org/html/elder.html>

Virginia

Elder Abuse Prevention – Service Standard

(Virginia Department for the Aging)

http://www.aging.state.va.us/serviceprograms/elder_abuse_prevention.pdf

Elder Abuse Prevention

(Appalachian Area Agency on Aging)

<http://www.aasc.org/progservice-eabuse.htm>

Washington

Elder Abuse Project

(King County Prosecuting Attorney)

<http://www.metrokc.gov/proatty/Elder/Index.htm>

Understanding and Dealing with Elder Abuse

(Multnomah County Aging and Adult Services)

<http://www.oregoncounseling.org/Handouts/ElderAbuse.htm>

Protection from Elder Abuse

(Northwest Justice Project)

<http://www.nwjustice.org/docs/9920.html>

Wisconsin

Elder Abuse in Wisconsin

(Department of Health and Family Services)

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aging/elderabuse/>

Advocacy Organizations

United States (see international programs section for others)

National Citizen's Coalition for Nursing Home Reform

<http://www.nccnhr.org/>

National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

<http://www.preventelderabuse.org/>

National Organization for Victim Assistance

<http://www.try-nova.org/index.html>

Swindle.org

<http://www.swindle.org/>

Professional Organizations

Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly

(University of Delaware)

<http://db.rdms.udel.edu:8080/CANE/index.jsp>

National Association of Adult Protective Service Administrators

<http://www.naapsa.org/>

National Association of Triads

(National Sheriffs' Association)

<http://www.sheriffs.org/Triad/index.htm>

Directory of Triads

<http://www.sheriffs.org/Triad/triadsfgw.htm>

Adult Abuse Review

(Word Bridges)

<http://www.wordbridges.net/elderabuse/aboutthissite.html>

Other U.S. Organizations

Elder Watch

(<http://www.ncelderwatch.com/>)

International Elder Abuse Prevention Programs

Aged Rights Advocacy Service (Australia)

<http://www.sa.agedrights.asn.au/prevent/home.html>

Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

(Queensland Prevention of Elder Abuse Task Force)

http://www.un-instraw.org/docs/Strategic_Plan.pdf

Abuse Prevention Fact Sheet (Australia)

Prevent Elder Abuse Happening to You

(Advocare Inc.)

http://members.iinet.net.au/~advocare/publications/app_factsheet_02.pdf

Action on Elder Abuse (U.K.)

<http://www.elderabuse.org.uk/>

Abuse Prevention of Older Adults Network (Canada) of Peterborough County and City

(Peterborough County/City Health Unit)

<http://pcchu.peterborough.on.ca/abusenetwork.htm>

Addressing The Abuse Of Older Adults In Our Community (Canada)

(Haldimand and Norfolk Community Response Network)

<http://www.hncrn.ca/aboutthe.htm>

International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (Canada)

<http://www.inpea.net/>

National Clearinghouse on Family Violence (Canada)

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hppb/familyviolence/bilingual.htm>

**The Ontario Community Care Access Centre Elder Abuse Training Initiative
(Canada)**

(Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres)

http://oaccac.medix.ca/eati/final_evaluation_report.pdf

Projects: <http://oaccac.medix.ca/eati/projects.html>

Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention Service (New Zealand)

(Family and Community Services, Otago)

http://www.ps.org.nz/SITE_Default/SITE_Otago/Services/Family_and_Community_Services/Elder_Abuse_Prevention_Service.asp

Japanese Center for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (Japan)

<http://www.sset.gr.jp/e/>

Prevention Guidelines

Elder Abuse Prevention Protocol

(Muskoka Network Against Elder Abuse)

<http://www.muskoka.com/~caregive/elder.html>

Clinical Guidelines

Training Resource Directory, 2002

(National Center for Elder Abuse)

http://www.elderabusecenter.org/publication/ncea_training_res_inventory.pdf

**Documenting Domestic Violence: How Health Care Providers Can Help Victims
October 2001**

(U.S. Department of Justice)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/188564.htm>

**ELDER JUSTICE: Medical Forensic Issues Concerning Abuse and Neglect (Draft
Report), by the National Institute of Justice, December 2000**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/elderjust.htm>

Elder Abuse

(Emedicine Journal)

<http://www.emedicine.com/emerg/topic160.htm>

Elder Mistreatment

(American Family Physician)

<http://www.aafp.org/afp/990515ap/2804.html>

Can You Spot the Signs of Elder Mistreatment

(Postgraduate Medicine)

http://www.postgradmed.com/issues/1999/08_99/kruger.htm

Elder Justice: Medical Forensic Issues Concerning Abuse and Neglect

(National Institute of Justice)

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/elderjust/elder_10.html

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(National Institute of Justice)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/188564.htm>

Recognition and Management of Elder Abuse

(American College of Emergency Physicians)

<http://www.acep.org/1,611,0.html>

First Annual Conference on Elder Abuse: The Role of the Health Professional

(University of California-Irvine College of Medicine)

<http://www.elderabuseconference.org/>

Other Reports and Articles

**Report on Problems Facing Adult Protective Services: Programs and the Resources
Needed to Resolve Them (2003)**

(National Association of Adult Protective Services)

<http://www.elderabusecenter.org/publication/NAAPSA7.pdf>

Elder Abuse and Neglect: Prosecution and Prevention – Policy Evolution

(American Society on Aging)

<http://www.asaging.org/am/cia2/abuse.html>

Elder Abuse and Neglect: In Search of Solutions

(American Psychological Society)

<http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/eldabuse.html>

Elder Mistreatment: Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation in An Aging America

(National Academy of Science)

<http://bob.nap.edu/books/0309084342/html/>

Missing Voices – Views of Older Persons on Abuse

(World Health Organization)

http://www.who.int/hpr/ageing/MIssing_Voices.pdf

Elder Abuse and Neglect

(Webster University)

<http://www.webster.edu/~woolfm/abuse.html>

**Abuse of Older Persons: Recognizing and Responding to Abuse of Older Persons in
a Global Context**

(World Assembly on Ageing, United Nations)

<http://www.un.org/ageing/ecn52002pc2eng.pdf>

Abuse, Neglect and Mistreatment of Older Persons: An Exploratory Study

National Council on Ageing and Older People

<http://www.ncaop.ie/researchpub/elderabuse.htm>

Silent Suffering: Elder Abuse in America (Conference Proceedings)

Publication Year: 1996

(Archstone Foundation)

http://www.archstone.org/usr_doc/silent%5Fsuffering%2Epdf

Information on Elderly and Firearm Violence

(Violence Policy Center)

<http://www.vpc.org/etopic.htm>

Elder Abuse: Electronic Clearinghouse

(Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse)

<http://www.mincava.umn.edu/elderv.asp>

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