

ELDER ABUSE TYPES

and possible indicators...



FINANCIAL:

Misuse of funds/property through fraud, trickery, theft, or force.



Standard of living below income or assets, theft of property, unusual bank account activity, forged signatures, coercion to sign wills or release property, overdue bills, or limiting access to accounts.



EMOTIONAL:

Actions or statements that threaten or intimidate.



Fear, anxiety, depression, withdrawal, cowering, secrecy, caregiver speaking on behalf of older adult, not allowing privacy, or physical signs of isolation.



PHYSICAL:

Actions that causes physical discomfort, pain, or injury.



Unexplained injuries such as bruises, burns or bites, missing hair, untreated medical problems, or history of injury.



SEXUAL:

Unwanted sexual behaviour including sexual comments, fondling, or sexual assault.



Pain, bruising or bleeding in the genital or chest area, sexually transmitted diseases, recent depression, or recent incontinence.



NEGLECT:

Intentional or unintentional failure to provide for the basic needs.



Inappropriate or dirty clothing, poor hygiene, dehydration, unsafe living conditions, lack of social contact, irregular medical appointments, lack of dentures, glasses, or hearing aids.



MEDICINAL:

Intentional or unintentional misuse of medications such as withholding, overdosing, sedating, and stealing.



Changes in mental or physical activity, or decline in general health such as confusion, poor balance, falling, depression, recent incontinence, or agitation.