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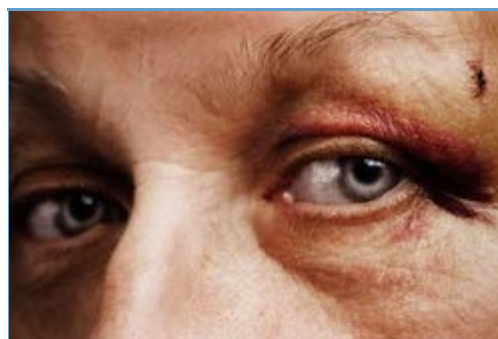
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> **IF YOUR BUSINESS OR HOME SUFFERED STORM SANDY WATER-SURGE FIRE DAMAGE, PLEASE CONTACT**

## Learn to Spot the Red Flags of Elder Abuse

# Abuse of Elderly a Growing Concern in Aging America

Right now, millions of Americans age 65 and older are being abused or neglected, often by the very people they entrust with their care and protection. Many more cases go unreported as elders are often unable, afraid or ashamed to report the abuse. This broken trust has contributed to the growing, silent epidemic of elder abuse. Whether physical, emotional or financial, *You Should Know* how to recognize the signs of elder abuse and help protect our most vulnerable citizens. **Review. Recognize. Report. >>>**



**If you suspect that an elderly person is being abused either physically, emotionally or financially, [click here to report.](#)**

## BY THE NUMBERS /

**500,000  
Abused**

In the United States alone, more than 500,000 adults over the age of 60 are suspected of being abused or neglected each year. Many more cases are not reported because victims are unable or afraid to tell police, family or friends.

Source: *Elder Maltreatment Prevention*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**\$2.9  
Billion  
Stolen**

Elder victims of financial exploitation reportedly lose more than \$2.9 billion annually from perpetrators as close as a family member to criminals who specialize in preying on vulnerable adults.

Source: *The MetLife Study of Elder Financial Abuse 2011 (Download)*

**26%**

Antipsychotic medication is given to 26 percent of all nursing home residents, often with no proper

US.

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medical diagnosis or the consent of family members.

Source: *Misuse of Antipsychotic Drugs in Nursing Homes*, *The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care*

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### Use Hotline to Report Suspected Elder Abuse

The [National Center on Elder Abuse](#) is the national authority on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Resources include a deep repository of research, training materials, breaking news and other information. Find hotlines at the [Resource page](#) and report abuse to local authorities.

### Look Up Problem Nursing Homes in Your State

[Nursing Home Inspect](#) is an easy-to-use online tool for comparing nursing homes based on the number of deficiencies and penalties cited by regulators during the past three years. The data is continually updated by [ProPublica](#), a nonprofit investigative news organization.

### Groups Fight Elder Abuse with Awareness and Action

The [National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse](#) is one of the nation's foremost associations dedicated to protecting the safety, security and dignity of America's elderly. The [Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect](#) serves as a national clearinghouse of information on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

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## Nursing Home Chains Use Fine Print to Evade Responsibility

This special report reveals how some nursing home companies are using the fine print in admissions contracts to evade accountability for abuse and neglect.

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