

Warning Signs of Adult Maltreatment

Abuse	Neglect	Financial Exploitation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bruises, black eyes, welts, lacerations, or rope marks• Bone fractures, broken bones, or skull fractures• Open wounds, cuts, punctures, untreated injuries in various stages of healing• Sprains, dislocations, or internal injuries/bleeding• Broken eyeglasses/frames, physical signs of being subjected to punishment, or signs of being restrained• Laboratory findings of medication overdose or under-utilization of prescribed drugs• An elder's sudden change in behavior• The caregiver's refusal to allow visitors to see an elder alone• An elder's report of being hit, slapped, kicked, or mistreated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dehydration, malnutrition, untreated bed sores, and poor personal hygiene• Unattended or untreated health problems• Hazardous or unsafe living condition/arrangements (e.g., improper wiring, no heat, or no running water)• Unsanitary and unclean living conditions (e.g., dirt, fleas, lice, soiled bedding, fecal/urine smell, inadequate clothing)• An elder's report of being neglected• The desertion of an elder at a hospital, a nursing facility, or other similar institution• The desertion of an elder at a shopping center or other public location• An elder's report of being abandoned	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sudden changes in bank accounts or banking practices, including an unexplained withdrawal of large sums of money by a person accompanying the elder• The inclusion of additional names on an elder's bank signature card• Unauthorized withdrawal of the elder's funds using the elder's ATM card• Abrupt changes in a will or other financial documents• Unexplained disappearance of funds or valuable possessions• Substandard care being provided or bills left unpaid despite the availability of adequate financial resources• Discovery of an elder's signature being forged for financial transactions or for the titles of his/her possessions• Sudden appearance of previously uninvolved relatives claiming their rights to an elder's property or possessions• Unexplained sudden transfer of assets to a family member or someone outside the family• The provision of services that are not necessary• An elder's report of financial exploitation