

# ELDER ABUSE

## DEFINATION OF ELDER ABUSE

Elder Abuse is an intentional act or a failure by a person that causes an elder to be exposed to risk. Neglection of such people is also an issue because it exposes them to risks in the environment. American Psychological Association shows that one to two million people over the age of 65 years have been neglected by the people entrusted to care for them. Most victims are females and most of the perpetrators are men.



*Elders deserve the correct treatment so that they are able to overcome the challenges that they are going through due to old age.*

## TYPES OF ELDER ABUSE

Several types of abuse can be considered to be elderly abuse.

### 1. Physical abuse

When an elderly person is exposed to a kind of harm resulting in bodily injuries or impairment it's a form of physical abuse. The perpetrator, in this case, intentionally harms the body of the elderly person with a motive in mind.

### 2. Emotional abuse

This is a kind of abuse that involves the perpetrator saying or having actions that are meant to damage the emotions of the elderly person. It inflicts pain and distress to the person, and therefore, it is fit to be considered as a form of elderly abuse.

### 3. Sexual abuse

When a perpetrator forces the elder into sexual activities without their consent, it's a form of sexual abuse. Because they are weak due to old age, some ill-minded people exploit this weakness and abuse them sexually.

### 4. Financial Exploitation

Withdrawal of financial help to the person is also a form of abuse. When one reaches old age, they are unable to work and would therefore have to depend on their family for material and financial assistance. Withdrawal of such assistance serves as abuse because they are unable to fend for themselves.

### 5. Neglect

When an individual that is supposed to take care of the elderly person fails to live up to their duties and leaves the elder at risk, it's a form of neglect. Elders are at times unable to do some crucial activities independently. Someone neglecting their duty to assist them and leaving them on their own is a type of abuse because it causes the elder pain and anxiety.

**Contact SJ Investigative Services with your elder abuse concerns.**

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