What is elder abuse?

It’s the abuse and neglect of older people. It takes many forms.

**Physical abuse**
- Hitting, pushing, kicking
- Inappropriate use of drugs or restraints

**Psychological or emotional abuse**
- Insults, threats, humiliation, controlling behavior, confinement and isolation

**Sexual abuse**
- Sexual contact without consent

**Financial exploitation**
- Misusing or stealing a person’s money or assets

**Neglect or abandonment**
- Not providing food, housing, or medical care

Elder abuse can happen just once or repeatedly.

People who commit elder abuse are often in a position of trust.

- Family members
- Health care workers