82% of LGBT older adults reported having been victimized at least once and 64% reported experiencing victimization at least three times in their lives.

90% of elder abuse and neglect incidents, the perpetrator is a family member. 2/3 of perpetrators are adult children or spouses.

It is estimated that more than one in ten older adults experience some form of abuse.

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Massachusetts

Elder Abuse Statistics 2018

Reports: 34,216
Investigations: 16,550
Substantiated: 9,881

Number of reports each year are increasing

Legislatures in all 50 states have passed some type of elder abuse law.

World Health Organization

Prevalence estimates of the most common types of abuse in high- or-middle-income countries:

- Physical abuse: 0.2 to 4.9%
- Sexual abuse: 0.04 to 0.82%
- Psychological abuse: 0.7 to 6.3%
- Financial abuse: 1.0 to 9.2%
- Neglect: 0.2 to 5.5%

Types of Elder Abuse

- Physical abuse - inflicting or threatening to inflict physical pain or injury on an elder.
- Emotional abuse - inflicting mental pain, anguish or distress on an elder person through verbal or non-verbal acts.
- Sexual abuse - non-consensual sexual contact of any kind.
- Financial exploitation - illegal taking, misuse or concealment of funds, property or assets.
- Caregiver neglect - refusal or failure by a caregiver to provide food, shelter, health care or protection.
- Self neglect - person lives alone and doesn’t properly take care of him/herself.

Shorter Lifespan: older adults who have been abused have a 300% higher risk of death in the 3 years following the abuse as compared to those who weren’t abused.

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