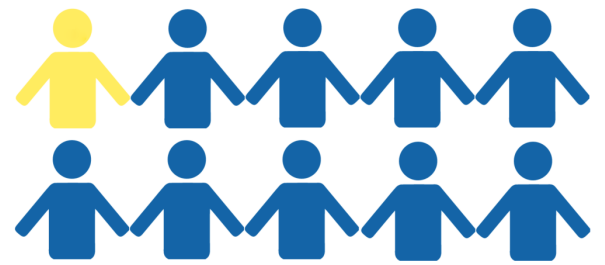


Elder Abuse Epidemic

The personal losses associated with elder abuse can be devastating and include the loss of independence, homes, life savings, health, dignity, and security.



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

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.

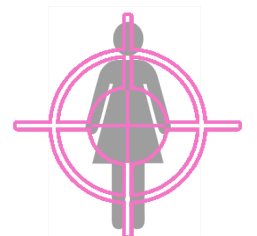


90% of elder abuse and neglect incidents, the perpetrator is a family member. 2/3 of perpetrators are adult children or spouses.



Most victims are dependent on their abuser for basic needs.

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



While likely underreported, elder financial abuse and fraud costs older Americans \$36.5 billion per year.



The older you are, the more likely it is that you will be abused.



Female older adults are victimized at a higher rate than males.

The National Center of Elder Abuse reports that only one of every 14 cases of elder abuse is actually reported, while others put the number as high as one out of every 23 cases.

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.



Some estimates range as high as 5 million older Americans are abused each year.

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%

Act immediately if you or someone you know is being abused or neglected. In cases of immediate danger, call 911.



To report elder abuse call the Massachusetts 24-hour hotline

1-800-922-2275

Or report online: www.mass.gov/report-elder-abuse

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.



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