



## Elder Abuse: How to Identify & Report It

Every year, millions of older Americans suffer in silence from abuse, neglect and exploitation. Sadly, it is one of the most under-reported crimes.

### Stats to know:

- Each year, 2.1 million elder Americans are victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation.\*
- One in ten elder Americans (approx. 5 million) are believed to experience abuse each year.\*\*
- Only one in 23 cases of elder abuse comes to light.\*\*

### You can make a difference!

All elder abuse, even if it's domestic abuse, is a community matter. If you see something, say something! Notify the police if you suspect any type of physical, emotional or financial abuse toward an elder.

They raised us, cared for us and kept us from harm. Now it's our turn to help the elders in our lives feel safe and protected.

\*Administration on Aging, Administration for Community Living

\*\*National Institute of Justice

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