HYDE COUNTY HOTLINE, INC.

We are committed to promoting dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer community.

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December 2019

This Christmas we're highlighting the hidden nature of domestic abuse. Read this poem one way & it tells a positive story. Read in reverse & uncover a chilling tale of domestic abuse.

MISTLETOE

Our first Christmas together
I had been so excited to have
him
around
I started tiptoeing
down the stairs
And he had a surprise waiting… he threw me
a party
He knows how to spoil
a simple girl!
He called me
in front of everyone
Then he cut me off
a sprig of mistletoe
We shared a kiss underneath
Our friends cheered as
outside, the snow silently settled *(now read from bottom to top)*

Refuge
For women and children.
Against domestic violence.

Reading the poem forwards depicts a standard Christmas party where couples are kissing, friends are cheering, and snow is falling.

Reading the piece backwards tells a different story though - one where a party is spoiled, a woman is assaulted, and expectations of a Christmas spent together are not met.

Defining ‘Violence in the Home’

Domestic violence or intimate partner violence is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors including physical, sexual and psychological attacks, as well as economic coercion used by adults or adolescents against their current or former intimate partners. Examples of physical abuse include slapping, shaking, beating with fist or object, strangulation, burning, kicking and threats with a knife. Sexual abuse includes coerced sex through threats or intimidation or through physical force, forcing unwanted sexual acts, forcing sex in front of others and forcing sex with others. Psychological abuse involves isolation from others, excessive jealousy, control of his or her activities, verbal aggression, intimidation through destruction of property, harassment or stalking, threats of violence and constant belittling and humiliation.

Source

5 Signs of Elder Abuse

How to spot it, and what to do about it

When thinking about domestic violence, the image of a young family often comes to mind. But, the truth is, abuse can happen at any age.

Just like other kinds of abuse, elder abuse can take many different forms:

Physical: Inflicting pain or injury through such actions as slapping, hitting, bruising or restraining. Physical abuse can also be inflicted through medication tampering—giving too much or withholding medication.

Sexual: Any nonconsensual sexual contact, whether comprehended or not.

Emotional: Inflicting mental anguish or distress through verbal or nonverbal acts such as threatening, intimidating or humiliating.

Neglect: Failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, healthcare or protection.

Financial: Illegal use, misuse or concealment of funds, property, assets or benefits for someone else's gain.

Abandonment: Desertion of a vulnerable adult.

It's difficult to know how prevalent elder abuse is because it frequently goes unreported. The World Health Organization says anywhere between 1 and 10 percent of seniors are affected. According to the National Council for Aging Care, only 1 in 24 cases are actually reported. This means even on the low end we're talking about hundreds of thousands of American and Canadian seniors being abused each year.

Because not all seniors are able to communicate incidents of abuse, it's important that those close to them watch for warning signs. Here are five to look for from the Administration for Community Living:

- Unexplained bruises, marks, broken bones or abrasions that could be indicative of physical abuse or any bruises or injuries to the breasts or genitalia
- Withdrawal from previously enjoyed activities, sudden change in alertness or unusual depression
- Sudden changes in financial situation
- Poor hygiene, bedsores, unusual weight loss or unattended medical needs
- Belittling, threats or frequent arguments between patient and caregiver

source

Hyde County Hotline

offers

Crisis Intervention, Advocacy and Prevention

Confidential Emergency Shelter

24 Hour Crisis Line 252-925-2500

PO Box 335

Engelhard, NC 27824

Tel: (252-)925-2502

WHAT WE DO

- **Crisis Invention**
- **Domestic and Sexual Advocacy**
- **Human Trafficking Advocacy**
- **Survivor Services**
- **Safe Shelter**
- **Support Groups**
- **Referrals**
- **Programs and Presentations**
- **Participates with DSS Work First Program**

OUR MISSION

The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse, sexual victimization and Human Trafficking and provide safe shelter in Hyde County, North Carolina through the collaborative efforts of a compassionate community. We promote dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities.

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and Sexual Victimization

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