

HYDE COUNTY HOTLINE, INC.

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

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June 2020 Newsletter

June is National Elder Abuse Month



To raise **awareness** of this threat, the International Network for the Prevention of **Elder Abuse** introduced the first **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** 14 years ago. In 2011, the United Nations officially designated **June 15** as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**. In addition, **June** is **World Elder Abuse Awareness Month**.

How many older Americans are abused?

Approximately 1 in 10 Americans aged 60+ have experienced some form of elder abuse. Some estimates range as high as 5 million elders who are abused each year. One study estimated that only 1 in 14 cases of abuse are reported to authorities.

Who are the abusers of older adults?

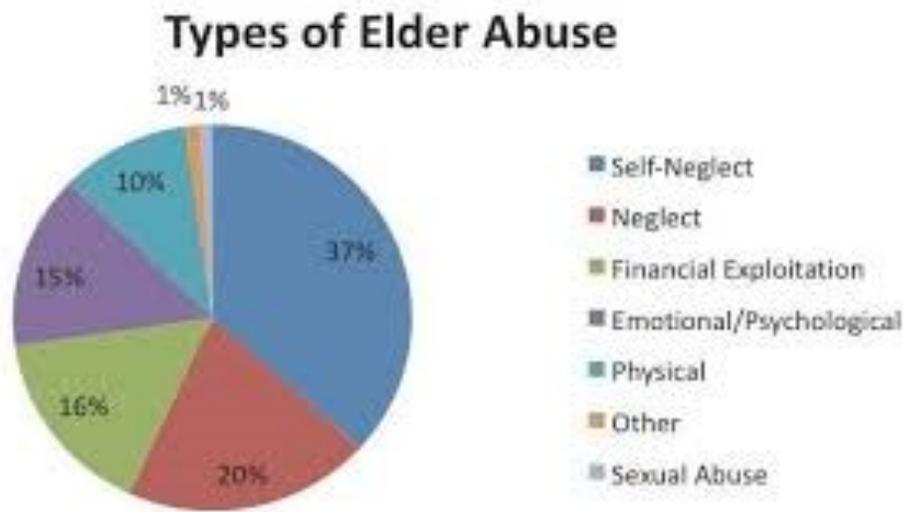
Abusers are both women and men. In almost 60% of elder abuse and neglect incidents, the perpetrator is a family member. Two thirds of perpetrators are adult children or spouses. (cont'd)

What is elder abuse?

Elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, exploitation, neglect, and abandonment. Perpetrators include children, other family members, and spouses—as well as staff at nursing homes, assisted living, and other facilities.

- Physical abuse means inflicting physical pain or injury upon an older adult.
- Sexual abuse means touching, fondling, intercourse, or any other sexual activity with an older adult, when the older adult is unable to understand, unwilling to consent, threatened, or physically forced.
- Emotional abuse means verbal assaults, threats of abuse, harassment, or intimidation.
- Confinement means restraining or isolating an older adult, other than for medical reasons.
- Passive neglect is a caregiver's failure to provide an older adult with life's necessities, including, but not limited to, food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.
- Willful deprivation means denying an older adult medication, medical care, shelter, food, a therapeutic device, or other physical assistance, and exposing that person to the risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm—except when the older, competent adult has expressed a desire to go without such care.

Financial exploitation means the misuse or withholding of an older adult's resources by another.



What are the warning signs of elder abuse?

- **Physical abuse, neglect, or mistreatment:** Bruises, pressure marks, broken bones, abrasions, burns
- **Emotional abuse:** Unexplained withdrawal from normal activities, a sudden change in alertness, or unusual depression; strained or tense relationships; frequent arguments between the caregiver and older adult
- **Financial abuse:** Sudden changes in financial situations
- **Neglect:** Bedsores, unattended medical needs, poor hygiene, unusual weight loss
- **Verbal or emotional abuse:** Belittling, threats, or other uses of power and control by individuals

What are the effects of elder abuse?

Elders who have been abused have a 300% higher risk of death when compared to those who have not been mistreated. While likely under-reported, estimates of elder financial abuse and fraud costs to older Americans range from \$2.9 billion to \$36.5 billion annually. Yet, financial exploitation is self-reported at rates higher than emotional, physical, and sexual abuse or neglect.

How can elder abuse be prevented?

Educating seniors, professionals, caregivers, and the public on abuse is critical to prevention. If you're an older adult, you can stay safe by:

- Taking care of your health.
- Seeking professional help for drug, alcohol, and depression concerns and urging family members to get help for these problems.
- Attending support groups for spouses and learning about domestic violence services.
- Planning for your own future. With a power of attorney or a living will, you can address health care decisions now to avoid confusion and family problems later. Seek independent advice from someone you trust before signing any documents.
- Staying active in the community and connected with friends and family. This will decrease social isolation, which has been connected to elder abuse.
- Posting and opening your own mail.
- Not giving personal information over the phone.
- Using direct deposit for all checks.
- Having your own phone.
- Reviewing your will periodically. [Source:](#)



Mandatory Reporting Requirements: The Elderly North Carolina

Question:

Who is required to report?

Answer:

Any person.

Question:

When is a report required and where does it go?

Answer:

Reasonable cause to believe that a disabled adult is in need of protective services. Where does it go? The director of the county department of social services in the county in which the person resides or is present (available at: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/local/>).

Question:

What timing and procedural requirements apply to reports?

Answer:

Timing not specified. Reports may be made orally or in writing

Question:

What information must a report include?

Answer:

The name and address of the disabled adult; The name and address of the disabled adult's caretaker; The age of the disabled adult; The nature and extent of the disabled adult's injury or condition resulting from abuse or neglect; and Any other "pertinent information."

[SOURCE:](#)



**HYDE COUNTY HOTLINE
THRIFT STORE**

REOPENING

**Thursday
June 4, 2020
8:30-2:30**

**Open
Thursday – Saturday
8:30-2:30
252-925-1031**

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 Intervention
- Domestic and Sexual Advocacy
- Human Trafficking Advocacy
 - Survivor Services
 - Safe Shelter
 - Support Groups
 - Referrals
- Programs and Presentations
- Participates with DSS Work First Program
 - And Whole Lot More

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.

Wish List for Hyde County Hotline

Free shipping on wish list purchases over \$50.



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DomesticShelters.org

Hyde County Hotline

Serving victims of Domestic Abuse
and Sexual Victimization

24 Hour Crisis Line

252-925-2500

PO Box 335, Engelhard, NC 27824
Advocacy Office 252-925-2502

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Thrift Store Hours

Winter Hours:

October – March

Thursday – Saturday

9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Summer Hours:

April – September

Thursday – Saturday

8:30 AM- 2:30 PM



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FYSB Family & Youth
Services Bureau

Family Violence Prevention
& Services Program