

HYDE COUNTY HOTLINE, INC.

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Elder Abuse Facts

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.

Learn more about the [types of abuse](#) from the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA).

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. [Source](#)

Stop Bullying on the Spot

When adults respond quickly and consistently to bullying behavior they send the message that it is not acceptable. Research shows this can stop bullying behavior over time.

Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy.



Training

Discover your role in bullying prevention! Learn how to take a public health approach to bullying prevention and earn continuing education credits. [Read more](#)

State Laws & Policies

State and local lawmakers have taken action to prevent bullying and protect children. Find out how your state refers to bullying in its laws and policies. [Read more](#)

What Schools Can Do

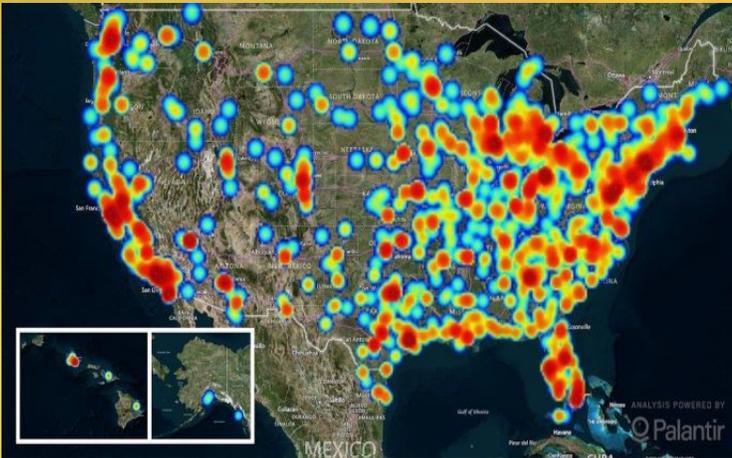
School staff can help prevent bullying by establishing and enforcing rules and policies that clearly describe how students are expected to treat each other. [Read more](#)

What Kids Can Do

Are you being bullied? Do you see bullying at your school? There are things you can do to keep yourself and the kids you know safe from bullying. [Read more](#)

Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery—a multi-billion dollar criminal industry that denies freedom to 20.9 million people around the world. And no matter where you live, chances are it's happening nearby. From the girl forced into prostitution at a truck stop, to the man discovered in a restaurant kitchen, stripped of his passport and held against his will. All trafficking victims share one essential experience: the loss of freedom.



Although slavery is commonly thought to be a thing of the past, human traffickers generate hundreds of billions of dollars in profits by trapping millions of people in horrific situations around the world, including here in the U.S. Traffickers use violence, threats, deception, debt bondage, and other manipulative tactics to force people to engage in commercial sex or to provide labor or services against their will. While more research is

needed on the scope of human trafficking, below are a few key statistics:

- The International Labor Organization estimates that there are [40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally](#).
- 81% of them are trapped in forced labor.
- 25% of them are children.
- 75% are women and girls.

The International Labor Organization estimates that forced labor and human trafficking is a [\\$150 billion industry worldwide](#).

The U.S. Department of Labor has identified [139 goods from 75 countries](#) made by forced and child labor.

In 2016, an estimated 1 out of 6 endangered runaways reported to the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#) were likely child sex trafficking victims.

- Of those, 86% were in the care of social services or foster care when they ran. There is no official estimate of the total number of human trafficking victims in the U.S. Polaris estimates that the total number of victims nationally reaches into the hundreds of thousands when estimates of both adults and minors and sex trafficking and labor trafficking are aggregated.

[Read stories of survivors who called the hotline for help.](#) [SOURCE:](#)

Hyde County Hotline

Serving victims of Domestic Abuse
and Sexual Victimization

24 Hour Crisis Line

252-925-2500

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