



**Abuse hurts  
at any age...**

# Prevent Elder Abuse

**EVERY YEAR, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ELDERLY AMERICANS ARE ABUSED IN THEIR OWN HOMES, IN RELATIVES' HOMES, AND EVEN IN FACILITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CARE.**

**LEARN THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ELDER ABUSE AND HOW TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF AN ELDERLY PERSON WHO IS BEING ABUSED.**

## **Physical Abuse**

- Unexplained injuries
- Signs of being restrained
- Caregiver refuses to allow you to see the elder alone

## **Emotional Abuse**

- Threatening, belittling, or controlling caregiver behavior
- Behavior that mimics dementia—rocking, sucking, mumbling

## **Neglect by Caregivers or Self-Neglect**

- Unusual weight loss, malnutrition, dehydration
- Untreated physical problems
- Unsanitary living conditions, poor hygiene
- Inappropriate clothing for the weather
- Drug overdose or failure to take medication as prescribed
- Unsafe living conditions—no heat/running water; fire hazards

## **Financial Exploitation**

- Significant withdrawals from the elder's accounts
- Sudden changes in the elder's financial condition
- Items, bills, or cash missing from the senior's household
- Suspicious changes in wills, titles or insurance policies
- Unpaid bills/lack of medical care, despite elder's ability to pay
- Financial activity beyond the senior's abilities such as ATM withdrawals when the senior is not mobile
- Unnecessary services, goods, or subscriptions

**IF YOU SUSPECT THAT AN ELDERLY PERSON IS BEING HARMED PHYSICALLY OR EMOTIONALLY BY A NEGLECTFUL OR OVERWHELMED INDIVIDUAL OR BEING PREYED UPON FINANCIALLY, CALL TODAY.**



**Call any of these organizations for help:**

**Calvert County  
Office on Aging  
410-535-4606  
301-855-1170**

**Calvert County  
Sheriff's Office  
410-535-2800**

**Department  
of Social Services  
Adult Protective  
Services  
443-550-6969**

**State's Attorney  
410-535-1600 Ext. 2369**

