



# Recognize the Signs of Abuse in Later Life

Abuse in later life is an intentional act or failure to act that causes harm to an older adult, including financial exploitation, neglect, and physical or sexual violence.

## What are signs of abuse in later life?

### Financial Signs



Fraudulent signatures on financial documents



Unusual or sudden changes in spending patterns



Unpaid bills

### Physical Signs



Dehydration or unusual weight loss



Missing daily living aids (glasses, walker)



Unexplained injuries, bruises, cuts, sores



Torn, stained, bloody underclothing



Unattended medical needs



Unexplained sexually transmitted diseases

### Emotional & Behavioral Signs



Increased fear or anxiety



Isolation from friends or family



Unusual changes in behavior or sleep



Withdrawal from normal activities