



Elder Abuse

Test Your Knowledge

Does the majority of elder abuse occur with non-family members who are caregivers?

Answer:

No, according to Orange County Adult Protective Services in 2015 the majority of abusers were identified as family members.

Is the most common form of elder abuse physical abuse?

Answer:

No, in 2015, the most common form of abuse in Orange County was “financial abuse”, followed by “neglect”.

(APS, Orange County, CA, 2015)

Can an individual only be neglected by their caregiver?

Answer:

No, an individual can also neglect themselves. Self-neglect is another form of "neglect" where an individual is not properly taking care of themselves or the environment they live in.

Is abduction a form of elder abuse?

Answer:

Yes, when a senior is taken across state lines without their permission it is considered abduction.

Are you more likely to be a victim of abuse at age 65 or 85?

Answer:

In Orange County, individuals over the age of 85 are six times more likely to be victims of elder abuse rather than individuals between the age of 65-69.

2015)

(APS, Orange County, CA,

Is the prevalence of elder abuse low?

Answer:

No, an estimated 500,000 adults age 60 and over are believed to be abused or neglected each year.

(Center for Disease Control and Prevention
2013)

Does an elder who is a victim of abuse have fewer or similar medical issues than an elder who is not abused?

Answer:

Victims of elder abuse have additional health care problems than other older adults, including increased bone or joint problems, digestive problems, depression or anxiety, chronic pain, high blood pressure, and heart problems.

(Journal of the American Geriatrics Society,
2000)