



The Red Flags

Emotional Abuse

- Unexplained or uncharacteristic changes in behavior, such as withdrawal from normal activities, unexplained changes in alertness
- Social isolation
- Caregiver is verbally aggressive or demeaning, controlling, overly concerned about spending money, or uncaring

Exploitation

- Lack of amenities person can afford
- Elder giving excessive financial reimbursement/gifts for needed care and companionship
- Caregiver has control of elder's finances but fails to provide for elder's needs
- Elder has signed property transfers (Power of Attorney, new will, etc.) but is unable to comprehend the transaction or what it means.

Neglect

- Lack of basic hygiene, adequate food, or clean and appropriate clothing
- Lack of medical aids (glasses, walker, dentures, hearing aid, medications)
- Person with dementia left unsupervised
- Person confined to a bed left without care
- Home cluttered, filthy, in state of disrepair, or fire and safety hazards
- Home without adequate facilities (stove, refrigerator, heating, cooling, working plumbing, and electricity)
- Untreated pressure "bed" sores (pressure ulcers)

Physical/Sexual Abuse

- Unexplained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores, burns, torn or bloody undergarments