

Crime Prevention

Neighbourhood Safety is a team effort and to effectively reduce crime in our neighbourhoods, we all need to play a part and get involved. We hope you find this information about elder abuse helpful and will share it with your friends, family, and neighbours.

Spotting the Signs of ELDER ABUSE

Abuse can happen to any older person, by a loved one, a hired caregiver, or a stranger. Abuse can happen at home, at a relative's home, or in an eldercare facility.



Watch for these signs of abuse:



▶ Seems **depressed, confused, or withdrawn**



▶ **Isolated** from friends and family



▶ Has **unexplained bruises, burns, or scars**



▶ Appears **dirty, underfed, dehydrated, over- or undermedicated**, or not receiving needed care for medical problems



▶ Has **bed sores** or other preventable conditions



▶ Recent **changes in banking or spending patterns**

What should I do if I see a crime or harmful situation?

Call the Seniors Abuse Info Line (SAIL) at 604.437.1940 in the Lower Mainland, or toll free at 1.866.437.1940.

If you see a crime or a situation that puts an older adult at immediate risk, call the police or 911 right away. Advise that you want to report a situation of suspected elder abuse, neglect, or self-neglect.