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Community



Elder Abuse: A Growing Problem

Elder abuse takes many forms:

- Physical attacks - hitting, pushing, slapping, punching.
- Verbal/Emotional abuse - name calling, intimidating, criticizing.
- Neglect - denying medications, not feeding or bathing, being left alone, isolating.
- Exploitation - stealing money, jewelry, credit cards, persuading or forcing elder to sign papers that gives abuser power of attorney, ownership of home, access to bank accounts.

Many elders are more dependent, more isolated, may have difficulty understanding and communicating. LGBTQI elders may also be abused because of our sexual and/or gender identities and expression. Abusers may be family caregivers, employees, friends, and/or neighbors.

Help is available. You Are Not Alone!

If you are in Immediate Danger - Call 911

- Administration of Resources and Choices (ARC) - Services for older adults, including domestic violence and emergency shelter.
Crisis Line: 520-339-2801 Information: 520-623-9383 www.arc-az.org
- Adult Protective Services in Arizona, call (877) 767-2385 or go to their website and fill out the APS report online: www.azdes.gov/reportadultabuse
- SAAF/Wingspan Anti-Violence Project (AVP) - serving LGBTQIA survivors of abuse and violence - 24 hr. Bilingual Crisis Line 520-624-0348 OR 1-800-553-9387
- EMERGE! Center Against Domestic Abuse
24 hour bilingual crisis line 520-795-4266 OR 888-428-0101 (toll free)
- Pima Council On Aging (PCOA) Help-Line: 520-790-7262; www.pcoa.org
- Southern Arizona Senior Pride (SASP) - 520-312-8923;
Email: soazseniorpride@gmail.com; Web: www.soazseniorpride.org