

Types of Elder Abuse and Examples

PHYSICAL INDICATORS

- Injuries that have not been properly treated
- Injuries that don't make sense, given the explanation
- Cuts, laceration or puncture wounds

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

- Unpaid bills (if income is otherwise adequate)
- Food, clothing, care needs left unmet
- Older adult complains of theft (of money or property)

FAMILY AND CAREGIVER INDICATORS

- Indifference or hostility to older adult
- Excessive blaming of older adult
- Other visible unkindness to older adult (in tone, actions)

BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS

- Older adult appears withdrawn, depressed, resigned, helpless, despondent
- Older adult hesitates to speak openly
- Older adult offers implausible stories about injuries, bruises or events

CAREGIVER TRAITS

- Caregiver seems hostile toward older adult
- Caregiver yells at older adult
- Caregiver won't allow older adult to speak without them