

June 15th is WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY



Every year on June 15th, communities around the globe come together to observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the abuse, neglect, and exploitation that many older adults face and it also serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of protecting and respecting our elders. Elder abuse is a significant issue that affects millions of older individuals worldwide. Elder abuse can take many forms, including physical, emotional, financial, and sexual abuse, as well as neglect. It often occurs in situations where there is an expectation of trust, such as within families or care facilities.

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 1 in 6 individuals aged 60 and older have experienced some form of abuse in community settings within the past year. Only 1 in 24 cases of elder abuse are reported to authorities, indicating a significant gap in awareness and intervention (verdictvictory.com). Elder financial exploitation results in estimated annual losses of \$28.3 billion in the U.S. (ncua.gov). Family members are responsible for nearly 47% of reported elder abuse cases, highlighting the importance of vigilance even within trusted relationships. (imtonline.com)

How to help elderly family members or other elders in your life:

- Regular contact with older adults can help detect changes in behavior or circumstances that may indicate abuse.
- Educate caregivers on recognizing and preventing abuse, as well as managing stress and anger.
- Regularly review bank statements and financial activities for unusual transactions
- Encourage the use of powers of attorney and other legal tools to protect assets.

If you or a loved one suspects scam or fraud, please **contact us immediately**.

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