Identify elder abuse with a six-question screen for older adults¹

1. Are you afraid of anyone in your family?
2. Has anyone close to you tried to hurt or harm you recently?
3. Has anyone close to you called you names or put you down or made you feel bad recently?
4. Does someone in your family make you stay in bed or tell you you’re sick when you know you aren’t?
5. Has anyone forced you to do things you didn’t want to do?
6. Has anyone taken things that belong to you without your OK?

If abuse is suspected, report concerns to the appropriate authorities. Document this suspicion and any evidence of abuse.

¹These are general recommendations only; specific clinical decisions should be made by the treating physician based on an individual patient’s clinical condition. These materials were made possible by the PACE Program of the Department of Aging of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Links to references can be found at AlosaHealth.org.

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Know the facts about elder abuse in Pennsylvania

Older Adult Protective Services Reports in fiscal year 2015-2016²

- Received: 20,822
- Investigated: 13,149
- Substantiated: 4,365

Most frequently reported:
1. Financial exploitation
2. Caregiver neglect
3. Self-neglect

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Links to resources for caregivers

- **Pennsylvania Department of Aging**: aging.pa.gov
  Links to resources for Protective Services, caregiver support, and other programs

- **Alzheimer’s Association—Caregiver center**: alz.org/care
  Resources for caregivers of patients with dementia

- **Eldercare locator**: eldercare.gov
  Connect to additional resources for older adult care in your area

- **Family Caregiver Alliance**: caregiver.org
  Caregiver support for families dealing with chronic illness

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