

Elder Abuse

MYTH

Most elder abuse occurs in nursing homes.

If an older person is being abused physically, it will be obvious.

Educated people don't fall for scams.

If older people say they are not being abused, it didn't happen.

Elder abuse is no big deal.

Caregivers who abuse do so because they are stressed.

FACT

Most elder abuse occurs at home, with family members and other loved ones as the perpetrators.

Even physical abuse may be invisible.

Con artists know how to fool even smart people.

Experts say any elder abuse victims decide not to tell anyone what happened to them.

According to the 2010 National Elder Mistreatment Study, one in 10 older adults in the U.S. is abused.

Experts say caregiver stress is real. But blaming elder abuse on stress shifts the responsibility away from the abuser.



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