

Elder Abuse

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<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/pubs/tapthepower.htm>

Avoiding Abuse. American Association of Retired Persons. www.aarp.org/confacts/health/avoidabuse.html

“Can You Spot the Signs of Elder Mistreatment?”. Major Robert M. Kruger, USAF, MC and Capt. Christopher H. Moon, USA, MC, *Postgraduate Medicine*, August 1999. This article is directed to physicians, but the information is useful to anyone working with the elderly. Has helpful information in looking for physical and emotional signs of abuse, how to ask an elder if they are being abused, and how to seek help for the victim. www.postgradmed.com/issues/1999/08_99/kruger.htm

Domestic Violence. National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. Explores both “late onset domestic violence” and “domestic violence grown old”. Highlights possible triggers of abuse, who perpetrates, who is at risk, indicators of violence, and resources to learn more. www.preventelderabuse.org/elderabuse/domestic.html

Elder Abuse: Effectiveness of Reporting Laws and Other Factors. U.S. General Accounting Office, 1991. (362.7/X13) Compares how mandatory and volunteer reporting laws have effectively identified, treated, and prevented elder abuse.

Elder Abuse – The Hidden Problem. Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, 1985. (362.7/W7o) This is a legislatively mandated report on the elder abuse reporting system in Wisconsin. It includes data on informational materials developed, analyzes reports of elder abuse throughout the state, reports on how laws against elder abuse are being enforced, and makes recommendations based on these findings.

Elder Rights and Benefits, 2002: A Resource for Older People in Wisconsin on Income Maintenance, Health Care Financing, Housing, Financial and Health Care Decision-Making and Elder Abuse. Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, Elder Law Center, 2002. (362.7/C63)

Facts About Law and the Elderly. American Bar Association, Division for Media Relations and Public Affairs, 1998. (362.7/Am312a) This report contains questions and answers on the topics of elder abuse, guardianship, rights of grandparents, and medical and end of life planning. Includes tables covering state-by-state reporting requirements. www.abanet.org/media/factbooks/elderlaw.pdf

Information About Laws Related to Elder Abuse. National Center on Elder Abuse. Shows types of laws relating to elder abuse and where to find them on the web. www.elderabusecenter.org/laws/index.html

Managing Your Money to Safeguard Against Material Elder Abuse. Center for Public Representation, Inc., 1991. (362.7/C33c) Informational booklet for elders on identifying financial abuse and how to prevent it.

The National Elder Abuse Incidence Study: Final Report. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, September 1998. This report highlights a study done to identify confirmed cases of elder abuse in 20 counties in 15 states. The results were then used to estimate the number of incidences of abuse across the nation. Included in the study were details of the confirmed cases including the victims, perpetrators, reporters of the abuse, characteristics of self-neglecting elders, and the extent of the problems of elder abuse in these communities. www.aoa.dhhs.gov/abuse/report/default.htm

Nursing Homes: More Can Be Done to Protect Residents from Abuse: Report to Congressional Requestors. U.S. General Accounting Office, 2002. (614.08/X13/pt.1) www.gao.gov/new.items/d02312.pdf

Results from an Elder Abuse Prevention Experiment in New York City. Robert C. Davis and Juanjo Medina-Ariza, September 2001. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice. www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/188675.htm

“Special Focus Issue: Elder Abuse”. *Wisconsin Lawyer*, September 2000. (341.14/W75/v.73, no.9) Seven articles are presented in this issue of *Wisconsin Lawyer* that deal with various topics, including what elder abuse is, agencies providing services, and how lawyers and the judicial system can stop it.

Testimony on Elderly Abuse in Nursing Homes. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, November 5, 1996. This testimony by William Benson, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, before the House Older Americans Caucus advocates the important role long-term care ombudsmen have in helping victims of elder abuse in nursing homes. www.hhs.gov/asl/testify/t971105a.html

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Wisconsin Report on Elder Abuse. Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Community Services, Bureau on Aging, 1991-99. These brochures provide an annual statistical profile of elder abuse in Wisconsin. Included are definitions, number of cases, client characteristics, types of abuse reported, and services planned for the victims, among other statistics. (see www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aging/elderabuse for brief statistics from the 2000 report and to request a copy of that report)

Related Web Sites

www.aoa.dhhs.gov/naic/Notes/elderabuse.html – Aging Internet Information Notes: Elder Abuse and Neglect, The Center for Communication and Consumer Services, Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This site has links to many resources on elder abuse – not only nationally and statewide, but also internationally. Included are links for consumer information for elder abuse understanding and assistance, statistics, federal reports, congressional reports, state resources, advocacy organizations, prevention, and clinical guidelines and articles on elder abuse.

www.co.dane.wi.us/aging/elderabuse/abuse.htm – Area Agency on Aging of Dane County, Dane County Human Services Department. What elder abuse is, how to report abuse, and a county-by-county list of reporting agencies.

www.apa.org/pi/aging/eldabuse.html – American Psychological Association.

www.elder-abuse.com – Elder Abuse Law Center. This site includes many useful links to national and state resources and articles on elder abuse.

www.elderangels.com – Elder Angels, Inc. Assists victims of financial elder abuse including help in filing reports of abuse, assistance in prosecutions of abuse, obtains restitution for victims, and educates the public.

www.elderabusecenter.org – National Center on Elder Abuse.

www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aging/elderabuse – Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services – Programs and Services, Elder Abuse in Wisconsin. Includes annual county reports from 1994-2000.

Clippings: (Noncirculating; available for use in the library; clippings prior to 1981 are on microfiche)

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BadgerLink: www.badgerlink.net

Search the ProQuest Newspapers and EBSCOhost magazines databases for full text articles. Suggested search words: *aged abuse, elder abuse, elderly abuse, elder financial abuse, and elder mistreatment.*
