

Services

The Brookdale Elder Abuse Response Program is a comprehensive program designed by The Shelter to meet the unique challenges facing individuals 50 years of age and older who are abused by someone on whom they depend for care or support.



As part of this initiative, our Elder Abuse Response Advocate and trained volunteers are available to assist with:

- Safety planning
- Accessing public benefits
- Housing
- Medical referrals
- Legal advocacy
- Filing Social Security Disability and supplemental income applications

This comprehensive program also offers:

- Support groups
- Court/legal assistance
- Community education
- Direct assistance with food, clothing, furniture, household and personal care items, transportation, access to recycled cell phones for emergency/911 calls and more!



*All services provided
free of charge!*

Emergency Numbers

*If you are in immediate danger,
please call 911*

Confidential 24-hour crisis line:
239.775.1101

TTY line: 239.775.4265

Elder Abuse Advocate:
239.775.3862, ext. 242

Florida Elder Abuse Hotline:
1.800.962.2873

Florida Domestic Violence Hotline:
1.800.500.1119

Email: Info@naplesshelter.org



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Transforming lives...

The Brookdale Elder Abuse Response Program



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FOR ABUSED WOMEN & CHILDREN

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What is Elder Abuse?

Elder abuse is any knowing, intentional or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or serious risk to a vulnerable adult.



It can occur at the hands of a spouse/life partner, professional caregiver, adult-child, loved one or friend.

Elder abuse affects women and men from every ethnic origin, religious group and socio-economic status.



It is typically defined as abuse occurring to individuals 50 years of age and older.

Domestic Violence in Later Life

Domestic violence in later life means that the abuse has most likely occurred for many years, but the victim has no knowledge of what domestic violence is, let alone what resources are available to support her.

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Does Someone Close to You:

- Cause you physical pain?
- Threaten you or make you feel afraid?
- Isolate you from family or friends?
- Criticize or humiliate you?
- Deprive you of good personal hygiene or proper medical care?
- Withhold food?
- Misuse your financial or material possessions?
- Neglect you?
- Call you names or otherwise psychologically abuse you?
- Sexually abuse you?
- Curse at you or otherwise verbally abuse you?

Remember, the abuse is not your fault!

If you answered YES to any of these questions, please call

239.775.3862, ext. 242



You are not alone.
The Shelter is here to help!

Signs of Abuse

We all have 'elders' in our lives. Each of us can take an active role in ensuring they do not fall victim to abuse by watching for the following warning signs:

- Repeated injuries
- Isolation
- Hints at being afraid, depressed or even suicidal
- Alcohol or drug use
- Lacking needed medication or adaptive devices such as hearing aids or wheel chair
- Becoming secretive about personal issues



You can help safety plan by:

- Preparing an escape bag
- Planning an escape route
- Offering to provide financial help, temporary housing or referrals
- Calling The Shelter's confidential 24-hour crisis line for information: 239.775.1101
- Visiting www.naplesshelter.org