

Getting Help with Nursing Home Abuse

Dealing with an elder neglect lawyer doesn't have to be costly. As a matter of fact, certain attorneys will take your lawsuit on contingency. This means that the lawyers don't receive compensation unless you win your claim. It also means that you shouldn't hesitate to contact such an attorney if you or a loved one has been abused. There are several varying forms of abuse, but they all involve a violation of trust on the part of the healthcare provider. Some types are simpler to spot than others.

The simplest types of elder neglect to spot are usually the physical types. These may include battery, wrongful use of medicine, overmedication or sexual assault. The signs are precisely what you'd likely expect. Keep an eye out for bruises, abrasions and lacerations. Some especially disturbed people have been known to burn elders with cigarettes or otherwise torture seniors to force the seniors to agree with demands. None of these wounds should be considered normal and all of them should be regarded with suspicion. Always have your eye out for the signs of physical abuse against an elder.

On the other hand, mental abuse can be much more difficult to detect. Many [nursing home mistreatment](#) claims involve numerous threats made by nursing home staff members and occasionally, severe verbal abuse. It is important to realize that an older individual is in a very difficult position. In many instances, they're not strong enough to defend themselves against a staff member, who is in their prime, and this makes the elderly individual extremely vulnerable. This loss of pride or dignity may be expressed as a complete withdrawal from social activities or severe depression of the elderly patient. This doesn't have to be the case and there is no reason that anyone, young or old, should have to suffer being abused or degraded verbally.

[Nursing home negligence](#) can occasionally mean that your loved one isn't physically or verbally abused, but, instead, deprived of treatment completely. The elder patient could be left in bed or sitting in a wheelchair being ignored for long periods of time. This is still considered a form of abuse, even though it does not involve any physical or verbal abuse. You should be aware of these signs of neglect, including poor hygiene. The finger and toenails may be long and unkempt. Body odor is common due to a lack of bathing and, in the worst cases; diapers may not be changed when needed. No one needs to suffer nursing home mistreatment. If you have, you may be able to get compensation for you and for your loved one.