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Perfect Storm Jeopardizes Safety of Older Adults

The prevalence of elder abuse in both institutional and in-home care settings appears to be rising due to a perfect storm of circumstances. First, the number of Americans 65-plus is exploding as Baby Boomers age and require more care. Second, for-profit companies, which now own more than 70 percent of the nation's nursing homes, often cut staff and other resources to meet investor expectations. And third, government oversight and support are disappearing as budget cuts increasingly target these services. That leaves it up to all of us to be more vigilant than ever for the signs of elder abuse.



Protect Loved Ones from Nursing Home Abuse

Choosing nursing home, assisted living or in-home medical care is complicated, difficult and often an emotional process. The last thing on your mind is the possibility that those responsible for the care of some of our most vulnerable citizens would abuse or neglect their patients. But it does happen all too often, which is why *you should know* the signs of elder abuse and how to find quality care for the older loved ones in your life.

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BY THE NUMBERS

13%

Adults 65-plus make up 13 percent of the population, numbering more than 40 million.

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A Culture of Denial, a Failure to Act

CNN investigation uncovers rampant sexual assault in elder care facilities – and little accountability.

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Social media abuse of nursing home residents often goes unchecked, reports NPR.



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