



Nursing Home Abuse and Neglect

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"Nursing Homes with whom we've entrusted the safety and well-being of our elders should be held to the highest standards. Holding negligent facilities accountable is a goal everyone should support." - James M. Ridge

It is difficult to believe that something as terrible as neglect can be perpetrated by caregivers entrusted with the safety of your elderly or disabled loved ones. As difficult as that may be to imagine, the sad truth is that neglect, abuse and exploitation of residents in nursing homes occurs all too frequently.

As our society has grown, so have the life expectancies of its people. The increased life expectancy has resulted in the growth of nursing and long-term care facilities. Many facilities take excellent care of their residents and patients but some have demonstrated themselves to be unworthy of the patronage of our sick and elderly family members.

There is no excuse for an elderly and infirm resident to be over-medicated, under fed, handled violently, restrained from physical activity or left in soiled linens. The oldest members of our society deserve our respect and admiration. They should be treated accordingly.

There are legal remedies to this abuse. If you suspect that a cherished family member has suffered from abuse or neglect at a nursing home or long-term care facility, please contact our office for a consultation.