

# Assisted Living Abuse

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Assisted Living refers to a type of care similar to a nursing home, but generally with less attention on medical care, and more on general assistance. These types of centers cater to the elderly, and to those with disabilities. These individuals are generally not as incapacitated as those who are in nursing homes; however, this doesn't mean that they deserve any less care than their nursing home counterparts. Assisted living care may be transient or on a more long-term basis depending on the person's needs.

## *Protection From Abuse*

Just like their nursing home counterparts, individuals in assisted living centers should be protected from any form of abuse. Nursing home and assisted living abuse usually fly under the radar due to a culture of fear and intimidation within these institutions. If you have a loved one or colleague in assisted living and suspect that they may be victims of some sort of abuse, you need to call the Dallas assisted living abuse attorneys at **Rasansky Law Firm** today.

Assisted living abuse can take on many forms, and it can go undetected for a long time.

Here are some of the types of abuse that individuals in these centers may go through:

1. **Physical abuse** – The individual may be subjected to beatings, punches, pinches and shoves by someone who is supposed to be responsible for taking care of them. Welts, wounds that take a long time to heal, broken bones and cuts may all point to physical abuse. Another way abuse is meted out is through the use of restraints. These can be used to limit a person's mobility by strapping them into a bed or chair in a forceful manner. Force feeding a person can also constitute physical abuse.
2. **Mental abuse** – This can include things like intimidation, name-calling, general bullying, degradation and verbal harassment. All these behaviors can have a negative impact on a person's mental health, which in turn may affect their physical health. Some of the signs to watch out for include anxiety, irritability, weight loss, withdrawal and changes in personality.
3. **Neglect** – Many assisted living patients don't need round-the-clock care; however, this shouldn't be an excuse for the staff to mistreat these individuals by not attending to their needs in a timely manner. Unmade beds, unsanitary rooms, unclean toilets, foul odor and dirty floors all point to neglect which needs to be looked into.

If you suspect that there is some kind of abuse going on, please report the incident to the facility's administration. If the situation is serious, look into placing the person in another center. When they're safely out of harm's way, you can call a Dallas assisted living attorney in order to file a lawsuit.

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