

Elder Abuse Definitions per Older Americans Act 2006

Abuse	The willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or cruel punishment with resulting harm, pain, or mental anguish; or deprivation by a person, including a caregiver, of goods or services that are necessary to avoid physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness
Neglect	The failure of a caregiver or fiduciary to provide the goods or services that are necessary to maintain the health or safety of an older individual
Self-Neglect	An adult's inability, due to physical or mental impairment or diminished capacity, to perform essential self-care tasks including: Obtaining essential food, clothing, shelter, and medical care, goods and services necessary to maintain physical health, mental health, or general safety; or Managing one's own financial affairs
Exploitation	The fraudulent or otherwise illegal, unauthorized, or improper act or process of an individual, including a caregiver or fiduciary, that uses the resources of an older individual for monetary or personal benefit, profit or gain, or that results in depriving an older individual of rightful access to, or use of, benefits, resources, belongings, or assets.

ELDER ABUSE SURVEILLANCE: UNIFORM DEFINITIONS AND RECOMMENDED CORE DATA ELEMENTS (2016). Hall, Karch, & Crosby. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Division of Violence Prevention, <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/elderabuse/index.html>