Some people respect their elders. Some people abuse them.

Prevent elder abuse.

Have you noticed...?

- Physical injuries. For example: large bruises on the face, neck, forearms or back; broken bones, cuts or burns.
- Drastic shifts in the person's financial situation. For example: there's not enough food or the electricity has been turned off.
- A drop in daily upkeep. For example: poor personal hygiene, bed sores or over-sedation.

Unusual weight loss or weight gain.

A new unwillingness to talk to friends or loved ones or an avoidance of certain topics.

A withdrawal from the person's normal activities not explained by age alone.

If you suspect abuse or neglect...

- Report it to your local adult protective services agency and to law enforcement.
- Remember—you do not have to prove abuse is taking place to say something.

Help McGruff "Take A Bite Out Of Crime®."

To learn more about elder abuse prevention, visit www.ncpc.org

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