Warning signs of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation

What to watch for and how to report concerns in Florida.

- Unexplained bruises, injuries or weight loss
- Poor hygiene, dirty living conditions or missing medications
- Sudden changes in finances, new "best friends," or missing money
- Fear or withdrawal around a certain person
- Unpaid bills despite enough income

Report it

In an emergency call 911. Florida Abuse Hotline: 1-800-962-2873 or online (Florida DCF Abuse Hotline). Concerns in a nursing home or assisted living: Long-Term Care Ombudsman (ombudsman.elderaffairs.org).

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