WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

Elder abuse refers to intentional or negligent acts by a "trusted" individual that causes (or potentially causes) harm to an older person.

WHY DOES ELDER ABUSE OCCUR?

Elder abuse is more common than we think. Many conditions can increase the risk of elder abuse in our communities such as missing or weak elder abuse awareness, trainings and social support services. By strengthening these activities, we can prevent elder abuse and make sure all of us have the opportunity to thrive as we age.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO IF WE SUSPECT ELDER ABUSE?

Report concerns.

Reporting elder abuse can be intimidating, but it is the right thing to do. It is everyone's responsibility to prevent and address elder abuse. In cases of immediate danger, call 911. Otherwise, you can call Eldercare Locator at **1-800-677-1116** to be connected to a local reporting agency.

For more information on agencies that can help, visit **https://ncea.usc.edu** and click on Get Help or call **1-855-500-3537** (ELDR).

PLAN!

Talk with trusted family members, friends, and professionals to plan for the future.

INFORM EACH OTHER!

Speak up about the supports and awareness needed to protect us from abuse as we age.

STAY CONNECTED!

Keep in touch with others regularly; isolation can increase the risk of abuse.

REPORT!

Making a report in instances of abuse or neglect is the right thing to do, and it's easy. Don't be afraid! We all have the right to feel safe!

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Building Strong Support for Elders

We can take action to protect each other from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Let's stop elder abuse together!

To learn more about elder abuse go to **https://ncea.acl.gov**, or find ways to take action at **http://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/weaad-home**.