

Caregiver Assistance News

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Q U I C K Q U I Z

Domestic violence among older adults is a form of elder abuse, and it can turn a home into a place of fear, hopelessness and desperation. Read the issue and answer True or False to the questions below.

1. Substance abuse can impede a caregiver’s ability to provide adequate care. It also increases the risk of financial abuse as the caregiver struggles to finance a substance abuse habit.
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2. Violence does not occur at a disproportionately higher rates among adults with disabilities.
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3. Neglect can include refusing to provide food, medicine and personal care such as bathing or helping a person with toileting; over-medicating; or withholding eyeglasses, dentures or walking aids.
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4. Intentionally keeping the person from friends and family or verbally attacking or demeaning a person is not a form of abuse.
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5. People with dementia are especially vulnerable to mistreatment, partly because caring for them can put so much stress on those who provide care.
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6. Changes in the person’s behavior or emotional state, such as withdrawal, fear or anxiety, or apathy could be a sign of abuse.
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7. Each year, hundreds of thousands of adults over the age of 60 are abused, neglected, or financially exploited.
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8. The Adult Protective Services Agency is typically responsible for investigating reports of domestic elder abuse and providing families with help and guidance.
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9. If you suspect that an elderly person is at risk from a neglectful or overwhelmed caregiver, or being preyed upon financially, it’s important to speak up.
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10. Tricking a senior into signing documents is not financial abuse.
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Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____