



# Indicators of Adult Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation

## ABUSE

- Multiple/severe bruises, welts
- Bilateral bruises on upper arms
- Clustered bruises on trunk
- Bruises which resemble an object
- Old and new bruises
- Signs of bone fractures
- Broken bones, open wounds, skull fracture
- Striking, shoving, beating, kicking, scratching
- Internal injuries
- Sprains, dislocation, lacerations, cuts, punctures
- Black eyes
- Bed sores
- Untreated injuries
- Broken glasses/frames
- Untreated medical condition
- Burns, scalding
- Restrained, tied to bed, tied to chair, locked in, isolated
- Overmedicated
- Verbal assaults, threats, intimidation
- Prolonged interval between injury and treatment
- Fear of caregiver
- Individual is prohibited from being alone with visitors
- Individual has recent or sudden changes in behavior
- Unexplained fear
- Unwarranted suspicion

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## NEGLECT

- Untreated medical condition
  - Untreated mental health problem(s)
  - Bedsores
  - Medication not taken as prescribed
  - Malnourished
  - Dehydrated
  - Dirt, fleas, lice on person
  - Fecal/urine smell
  - Animal infested living quarters
  - Insect infested living quarters
  - Non-functioning toilet
  - No heat, running water, electricity
  - Homelessness
  - Lacks needed supervision
  - Lack of food or inadequate food
  - Uneaten food over period of time
  - Accumulated newspaper/debris
  - Unpaid bills
  - Inappropriate or inadequate clothing
  - Needs but does not have glasses, hearing aid, dentures, prosthetic device
  - Hazardous living conditions
  - Soiled bedding/furniture
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