

Did you know that only 5% of the elderly are in nursing homes? The majority of people over sixty continue to live in the community, independently in private homes and apartments, or with spouses or relatives. Although this sounds like the ideal situation, it allows for many elderly to be abused by their partner or their caretaker or become victims of crime. Elder abuse occurs regularly to thousands of individuals' daily and a majority of the time the abuse is never reported.

The Domestic Violence Program in Rutherford County has an Elder Abuse and Crime Prevention Project to assist these victims obtain Orders of Protection, to advocate on the victims behalf with the Department of Human Services and other agencies and to assist with emergency food, shelter and transportation.

If you know of anyone over 60 who may be a victim of domestic violence by a spouse, caretaker or relative, or has been a victim of a crime, please call our 24-hour crisis hotline

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Our office is located at 826 Memorial Blvd., Suite 205. Offices hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

PLEASE help yourself or those who may be unable to help themselves. Tennessee law requires anyone with knowledge of suspected **Elder Abuse** to report it. No one should have to live in fear. Do not be ashamed or embarrassed if you are victimized, report it and ask for assistance.



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Domestic Violence Program

Because...Love shouldn't hurt.

Elder Abuse and Crime Prevention

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We Can Help.

Many types of behavior by others towards the elderly are classified as Elder Abuse. These include:

- ⌘ Physical Abuse
- ⌘ Emotional Abuse
- ⌘ Sexual Abuse
- ⌘ Financial Exploitation

Other behaviors that are of a concern include:

- ⌘ PASSIVE NEGLECT by others who should be aware of the needs of the elderly person or neglect by a spouse who is unable to give proper care.
- ⌘ ACTIVE NEGLECT by those who are aware and do not intervene on behalf of the elderly spouse or relative or those who do not give adequate care as a caregiver.
- ⌘ SELF NEGLECT by those unable to care for themselves and /or who refuse assistance.

You can be part of the solution!

- ⌘ Seek help if you are being abused or have been a victim of a crime.
- ⌘ Stay in touch with elderly friends and relatives. Report attempted fraud to the police.
- ⌘ Listen for concerns regarding unmet needs such as problems getting to the grocery store or to appointments, injuries or illnesses that are not being addressed or possible exploitation by someone that has moved into the house or taken over financial matters.
- ⌘ Report unsafe housing or neighborhood conditions.



- ⌘ Stay informed.
- ⌘ Know what your community has available for you as a senior consumer and how to refer others for assistance.
- ⌘ Support programs that serve the elderly by giving financial contributions or as a volunteer.
- ⌘ Support candidates and legislation that protect the rights and needs of older Americans.

CALL the Domestic Violence Program or the Department of Human Services if you think someone is in need of help.

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