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World Elder Abuse June 15, 2013 Awareness Day



What is Elder Abuse?

In general, elder abuse refers to intentional or neglectful acts by a caregiver or "trusted" individual that lead to, or may lead to, harm of a vulnerable elder. **Physical abuse; neglect; emotional or psychological abuse; verbal abuse and threats; financial abuse and exploitation; sexual abuse; and abandonment** are considered forms of elder abuse. In many states, **self-neglect** is also considered mistreatment.

Types of Elder Abuse

- **Physical abuse** - Use of force to threaten or physically injure a vulnerable elder
- **Emotional abuse** - Verbal attacks, threats, rejection, isolation, or belittling acts that cause or could cause mental anguish, pain, or distress to a senior
- **Sexual abuse** - Sexual contact that is forced, tricked, threatened, or otherwise coerced upon a vulnerable elder, including anyone who is unable to grant consent
- **Exploitation** - Theft, fraud, misuse or neglect of authority, and use of undue influence as a lever to gain control over an older person's money or property
- **Neglect** - A caregiver's failure or refusal to provide for a vulnerable elder's safety, physical, or emotional needs
- **Abandonment** - Desertion of a frail or vulnerable elder by anyone with a duty of care
- **Self-neglect** - An inability to understand the consequences of one's own actions or inaction, which leads to, or may lead to, harm or endangerment

What Should I Do if I Suspect Elder Abuse?

Report Your Concerns.

Most cases of elder abuse go undetected.

Don't assume that someone has already reported a suspicious situation.

Contact Information

To find your local office, go to the government pages of your telephone book and look under County Services for Seniors, Disability, Aging, or Human Services.

In Oregon

www.oregon.gov/DHS/spwpd/

OR

Oregon Department of Human Services Seniors and People with Disabilities

500 Summer Street, NE E-10

Salem, Oregon 97301

Fax: 503-947-4245

TTY: 711

Outside Oregon

Visit the National Center on Elder Abuse

website at www.ncea.aoa.gov

or call the *Eldercare Locator* at

1-800-677-1116.

Are you confused about **MEDICARE ?** Part A ? Part B ? Part D ?

Medicare can be confusing for a lot of people with lots of choices in premiums, co-pays, and deductibles.

We are coordinating **FREE** appointments at the Siletz Community Health Clinic for anyone interested in reviewing their current Medicare Plan or even if they are interested in reviewing information because they will be enrolling in Medicare soon.

Understanding My Medicare

Beth Moffett
Medicare Specialist

June 11, 2013

CALL FOR A FREE APPOINTMENT!

Call Kelley Ellis to schedule an appointment.

541-444-9680 or 1-800-648-0449 Ext. 1680