

NURSING HOME ABUSE

Know the Top 6
Signs & Types



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Putting a loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility can be a tough, emotional decision. What makes it harder is finding a facility that you trust to care for your loved one. Unfortunately, Missouri nursing home abuse is regularly reported, and many more cases go unreported each year. It isn't always apparent, but knowing the warning signs can help you identify possible nursing home abuse.

Types of Nursing Home Abuse

There are six general categories of elder (nursing home) abuse defined by the National Center on Elder Abuse.

1

Physical Abuse:

Inflicting physical pain or injury on a senior. This can include physical assaults and neglect that results in bedsores or malnourishment and dehydration.

2

Emotional Abuse:

Inflicting mental pain, anguish, or distress through verbal or nonverbal acts, including humiliation, intimidation, or threats.

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Sexual Abuse:

Nonconsensual sexual contact of any kind.

4

Neglect:

Failure by caretakers to provide food, medical attention, fall protection, or other improper care to a vulnerable senior.

5

Abandonment:

Desertion of a vulnerable senior by those responsible for their care or custody.

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Financial Exploitation:

Improperly taking, misusing, or concealing funds or assets of a senior for another's benefit, or using improper means to gain the victim's permission to take their assets.

Warning Signs of Nursing Home Abuse

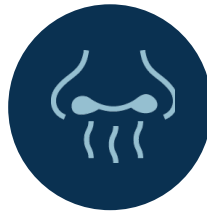
Nursing home abuse victims may often suffer in silence. Some of the telltale warning signs of nursing home abuse can include:



1

Physical marks:

Bedsore, bruises, abrasions, cuts, burns, broken bones, and other signs of physical trauma. Bedsore are particularly important as failure to correctly and promptly treat them can result in death very quickly due to sepsis.



2

Poor hygiene:

Soiled clothes, strong body odor, and fecal or urine odor.



3

Weight changes:

Unusual weight loss, malnourishment, and dehydration.



4

Mood Changes:

Sudden social withdrawal, confusion, a sudden change in alertness, depression, and tension and fear around caregivers.



5

Non physical Abuse:

Verbal abuse, threats, or intimidation including withholding or threatening to withhold food and medication.



6

Theft:

Missing cash, sudden changes in finances and transfers of money without an explanation.



What to Do if You Suspect Nursing Home Abuse

Nursing home abuse victims often misstate their complaints or suffer in silence and never make a complaint. Be alert to changes in a senior's personality or behavior. Even if you can't prove abuse or identify who is responsible—**you should report your suspicions.**

Nursing home abuse may not be obvious, and the victim may be unaware, unable, or unwilling to alert others to their suffering. Look for any changes in a senior's personality or behavior, and watch for the warning signs of abuse. These may be subtle changes, and frequent visits with your elderly loved ones are the best way to monitor their condition and prevent abuse in the first place.



Pursue Compensation

The Missouri nursing home abuse lawyers at The S.E. Farris Law Firm can help you identify the signs of nursing home abuse, file reports, and pursue compensation for abuse-related injuries.



Contact Us Today

If you suspect that an elderly or disabled loved one is the victim of abuse while in the care of a Missouri nursing home, or has died as a result of nursing home abuse, contact The S.E. Farris Law Firm for a free strategy session. Submit your case details online, or call us directly. We represent the victims of nursing home abuse on a contingent fee basis, which means there is no cost to you unless you win your case.

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