Elder Abuse

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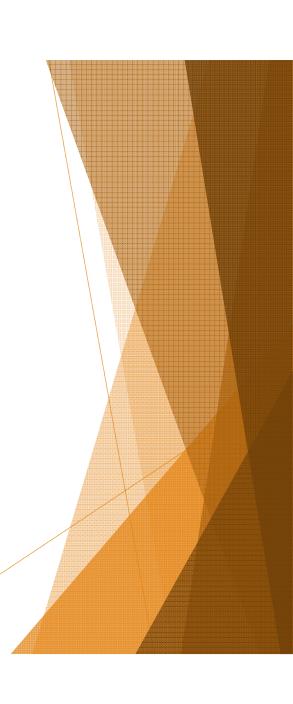


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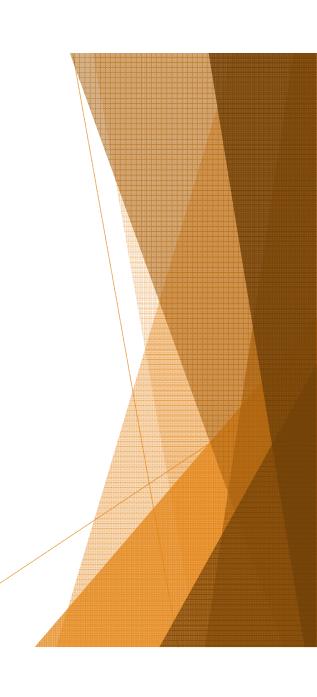
Elder abuse

- Definition of abuse varies debending on different countries, ethnic groups and cultures
- ▶ Broadly defined as mistreatment of older people, either intentionally or unintentionally, that causes harm or potential harm



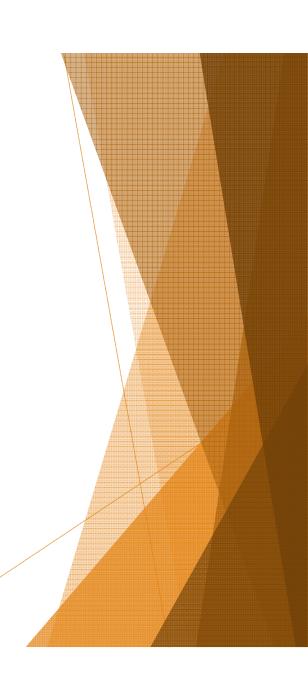
Types of Abuse

- Physical Abuse
- ► Psychological Abuse
- Financial Abuse
- ► Neglect



Adult Protective Services

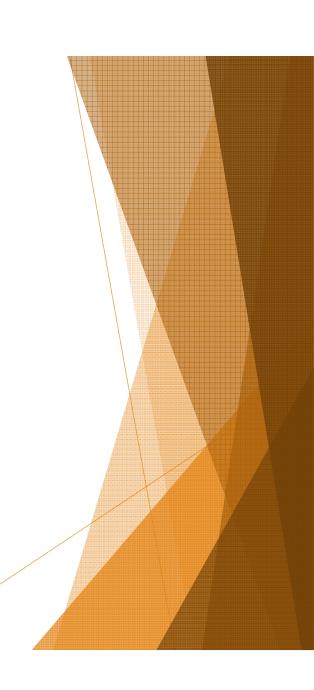
- ► Outline risk
- **▶** Definition
- ► Reporting
- ► Protection
- ▶ Penal code 368



Theories of Elder Abuse

Ageism Family Violence Theory

Violence is a learned behavior Transgenerational abuse



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Dependency Theory
Physical Dependence triggers abuse

Caregiver stress theory Stress of role fatigue

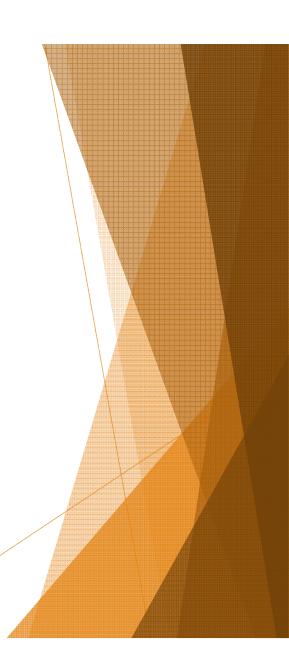


Victims and Abusers

Victims (Abused)

White Women - older that 75 years old

Abusers
Most commonly a relative

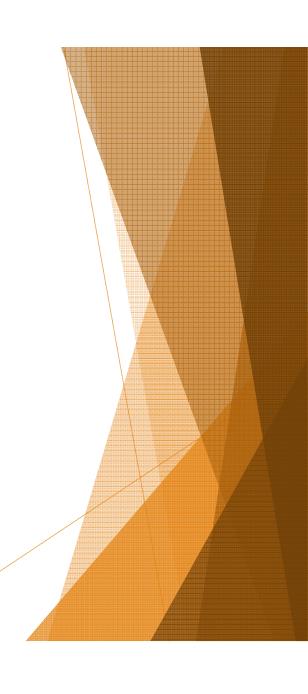


Health Professional's Responsibilities

- 1. Educate the public about the normal aging process
- 2. Be alert to signs of abuse and neglect
 - 1. Elderly usually do not report the abuse
- 3. Mandated by law to report ASAP
 - 1. Verbal report by phone asap to adult abuse registry hotline: 1-800-451-5155
 - Long-term care ombudsman at 714-479-0107 or 1-800-4024(CRISIS LINE)
 FAILURE TO REPORT IS A MISDEMEANOR AND RESULTS IN PUNISHMENT
- 4. Assist overburdened caregivers in finding resources to relieve a stressful situation
 - 4. Caregivers need training and respite

Community Resources

- Mobility impaired transportation services
- ► Support groups
- Senior groups
- Senior centers
- Adult day health centers
- Respite care
- ▶ Home health care
- Churches/worship centers
- Meals on wheels
- ▶ Hospice care
- Companion services
- ► Hospital clinics



Orange County's Office on Aging

- Provides information about older adult services
- ► Phone number 1-800-510-2020
- www.officeonaging.ocgov.com

Legal Protection for the Vulnerable Aged

- ► Adult Protective services
- ▶ Conservatorship
- ▶ Guardianship
- ► Power of attorney
- ► Elderlaw attorney vs. estate law attorney

Planning in Legal aspects

- ► Elderlaw-Legal arrangements for older adults
- ► Estate Law for Estate Planning