

MISSION

To promote community participation in a network designed to increase awareness of the issues and to increase knowledge about resources with the aim of prevention and intervention of elder abuse.

GOAL

To promote the prevention of elder abuse through education and awareness, and to assist the public to identify the signs and symptoms of abuse.

For more information on Network activities, membership information, elder abuse resources, educational presentations, or support services for victims of elder abuse, please contact:

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Elder Abuse Prevention Network**
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1-800.461.0327
www.community-care.on.ca

Where to Call for help

For emergency call 911

Central East Local Health Integration Network

1-800-263-3877

Haliburton Office: 705-457-1600

Community Care Health and Care Network

1-800-461-0327

Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Elder Abuse Prevention Network - Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator

705-324-7323

Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services

1-800-574-4401

Kawartha Lakes Police Service

1-705-324-5252

Law Society Referral Service

1-855-947-5255

Ontario Provincial Police

1-888-310-1122

Senior Crime Stoppers

1-800-222-8477

Elder Abuse Ontario

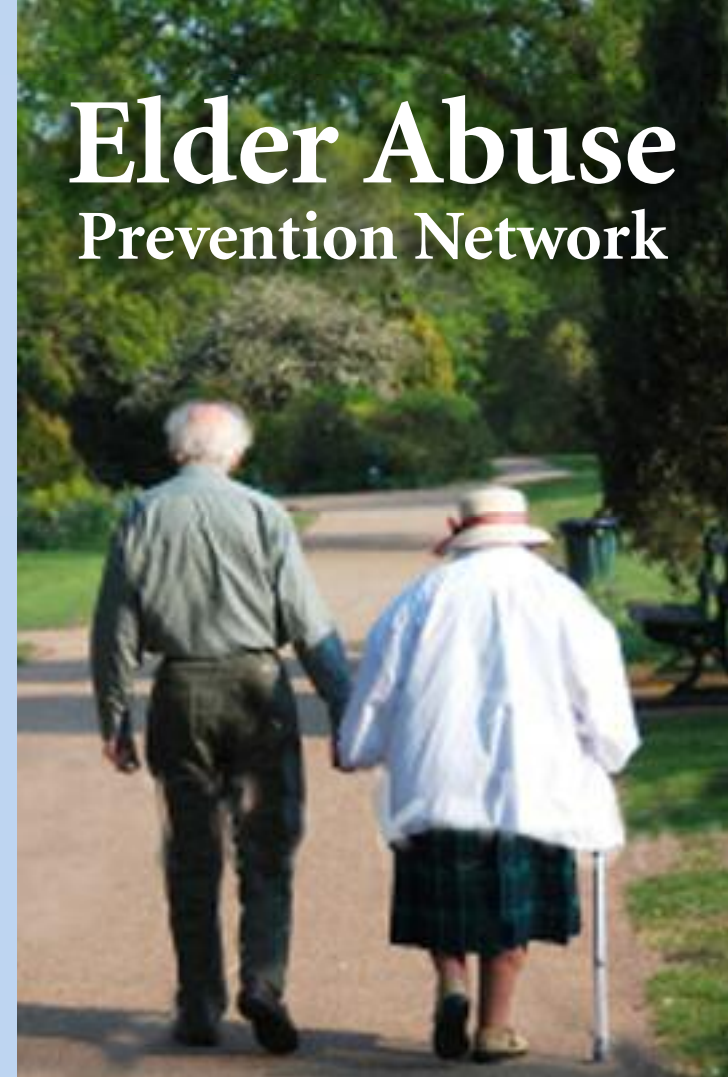
1-705-745-4100

Women's Resources of Kawartha Lakes

1-800-565-5350



Elder Abuse Prevention Network



A diverse group of community service partners from the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County committed to increasing awareness of Elder Abuse with the aim of prevention and intervention of abuse for older adults.

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HALIBURTON KAWARTHA LAKES

What is *Elder Abuse?*



- An action or inaction that causes or could cause harm to an older adult.
- This could include: a family member, a friend, a paid caregiver, or professional, financial, legal or medical advisor.
- Any senior can experience abuse regardless of culture, gender, race, financial status, mental or physical conditions.
- Abuse and neglect of older adults can take many forms including, physical, emotional, financial and neglect.

What are the *Signs?*

Older adult who are experiencing abuse or neglect may:

- Tell you that they are being harmed
- Show signs of depression or anxiety
- Seem fearful around certain people
- Become socially withdrawn
- Become passive and compliant
- Have unexplained injuries
- Lack food, clothing or other necessities
- Show changes in their hygiene or nutrition
- Suddenly become unable to meet financial obligations
- Have unusual withdrawals from their bank or other financial institution

Types of *Abuse*

Physical abuse: any act of violence causing injury or physical discomfort (e.g. slapping, pinching, punching, inappropriate touching, rough handling, forcible restraint).

Emotional abuse: any action or comment causing humiliation, fear, intimidation, removal of decision making choices, threat of institutionalization, harassment, imposed isolation.

Financial abuse: theft or exploitation of a person's money, property or assets, overcharging for services, misuse of Power of Attorney.

Neglect: the inability to provide basic necessities such as, food, water, medications, shelter, hygiene, clothing, medical attention, or other forms of assistance that the older adult needs and cannot get on their own.