

OLDER WOMEN

For older women, social isolation, frailty and dependence on others can contribute to their vulnerability to violence. The fear of losing a home and financial security, the loss of important family relationships may create barriers to leaving violent relationships. The older woman who is abused may also be reluctant to report her family member as the abuser, or she may be unaware of her rights.

Additional indicators of abuse for older women include:

- Recurrence of the same unexplained injuries;
- Report of repeated falls;
- Misuse of medications (over or under use);
- Medical problems that have gone untreated;
- Signs of malnutrition or dehydration;
- No eye glasses or dentures when there is obvious need for these medical aids;
- Signs of fear or depression;
- Lack of social supports.

SERVICES:

1. South East Community Care Access Centre
2. Prevention of Elder Abuse Network

For More Information on Abuse of Older Women, See:

Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncfv-cnivf/familyviolence/pdfs/abuseneg98en.pdf>

Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults: Community Awareness and Response

http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncfv-cnivf/familyviolence/pdfs/agecommuni_e.pdf