

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities

ABUSE			NEGLECT	
PHYSICAL	SEXUAL	EMOTIONAL & VERBAL		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bruises on several different surface areas• Bilateral bruises (e.g. top of shoulders, both sides of face, insides of thighs)• Bruises in various stages of healing (fresh and faded)• Multiple bruises, or bruises forming patterns or clusters• Bruise is shape/size of a familiar object (handprint, belt buckle)• Bruises repeatedly occur after certain events (home visits, staff visits)• Burns shaped like an object (e.g. iron, electric burner, cigarette) especially on soles of the feet, palms, back or buttocks• Scalding burns (skin blistering from hot water or from emersion in hot liquid)• Abrasions from rape or other restraints• Sprains, dislocations• Fracture or breaks to ribs, skull, arms and leg bones• Unexplained internal injuries• Injuries to mouth (chipped teeth, ulcers, tears/ swelling from forced feeding)• Cuts, lacerations, puncture wounds• Human bite marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Torn clothing• Stained clothing• Stained bed/bedding• Difficulty walking• Difficulty sitting• Vaginal bleeding• Rectal bleeding• Itching or swelling in the genital area• Pain in the genital area• Bruising in the genital area• Bruising of the inner thighs• Incontinence• Pregnancy• Vaginal infections• Sexually transmitted diseases• HIV, AIDS• Extreme changes in behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screaming, shouting, yelling,• Cursing• Threatening violence• Name-calling• Belittling, degrading, humiliation• Making discriminatory remarks• Mimicking, cruel teasing• Telling lies• General harassment• Sexual harassment• Threatening withdrawal of food, shelter, care, clothes, possessions or necessary equipment• Using demeaning labels• Ridiculing culture or heritage• Using intimidating gestures or posture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient on Patient abuse• Dehydration• Malnutrition, constant hunger• Inadequate living conditions• Lack of supervision• Medical mismanagement (over-medicated, medications not given correctly)• Outdated/unmarked medications are present• Untreated medical or mental conditions• Evidence of poor hygiene• Decubiti (bedsores), skin rashes, lice• Lack of clothing, improperly clothed for weather conditions• Unattended physical, medical, mental conditions• Lack of needed adaptive aides: wheelchair, eyeglasses, hearing aide, walker, TTY, etc.• Exposed to hazardous/ toxic materials• Personal safety is compromised• Restraining devices are evident	
	FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forging the signature of individual on personal checks• Cashing checks (such as SSI or SSDI) for personal use• Obtaining and misusing bank books• Misleading individual by providing them with false information about living expenses• Withholding individual's funds• Individual complains that furniture, jewelry, credit cards, or other items are missing		
	MISTREATMENT			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The use of medications or treatments, isolation or physical or chemical restraints which harms or creates a substantial likelihood of harm			

BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS OF ABUSE & NEGLECT

VICTIM MAY:

- Exhibit distrust of others
- Exhibit emotional outbursts
- Obsess, worry or appear anxious about her/his own performance
- Have low self-esteem or confidence
- Have a sudden loss of appetite
- Criticize caretaker constantly
- Curse, hit, scratch caregiver
- Request separation from caregiver
- Exhibit fear of the caregiver
- Exhibit fear of the dark, being alone, people, places or going home
- Cry easily, frequently
- Express feelings of hopelessness
- Want to die
- Exhibit stress-related illness
- Exhibit self-injurious behaviors
- Have nightmares or difficulty sleeping
- Be isolated from others
- Be emotionally withdrawn, detached
- Have startled response to movement
- Be incontinent, malodorous, unpleasant
- Be resistant to taking medication, being bathed, eating or allowing caregiver to provide care
- Abuse alcohol or other substances
- Have rapid physical deterioration
- Refuse offers of assistance
- Be fearful of intimacy and touch
- Be sexually promiscuous
- Exhibit aggressive, disruptive or delinquent behavior
- Express self-hate, self-blame, guilt or shame
- Be fearful of abandonment, rejection or retaliation
- Experience stunted growth and developmental delays
- Have attention and learning disorders
- Engage in destructive activities
- Learn passive/aggressive behaviors
- Adopt same behaviors as the abuser

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