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How You Can Help

Most importantly, be alert. The suffering is often in silence. If you notice changes in a senior's personality or behavior, you should start to question what is going on. Remember, it is not your role to *prove* that abuse is occurring. If you suspect Elder Abuse, PLEASE REPORT IT to your local Department of Social Services. Your name is kept CONFIDENTIAL.

Where to Report

Departments of Social Services

BRUNSWICK COUNTY
910.253.2077

COLUMBUS COUNTY
910.642.2800

NEW HANOVER COUNTY
910.798.3420

PENDER COUNTY
910.259.1240

After Hours and Weekends

Call 911

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For more information about the Cape Fear Elder Abuse Prevention Network and its resources please contact:

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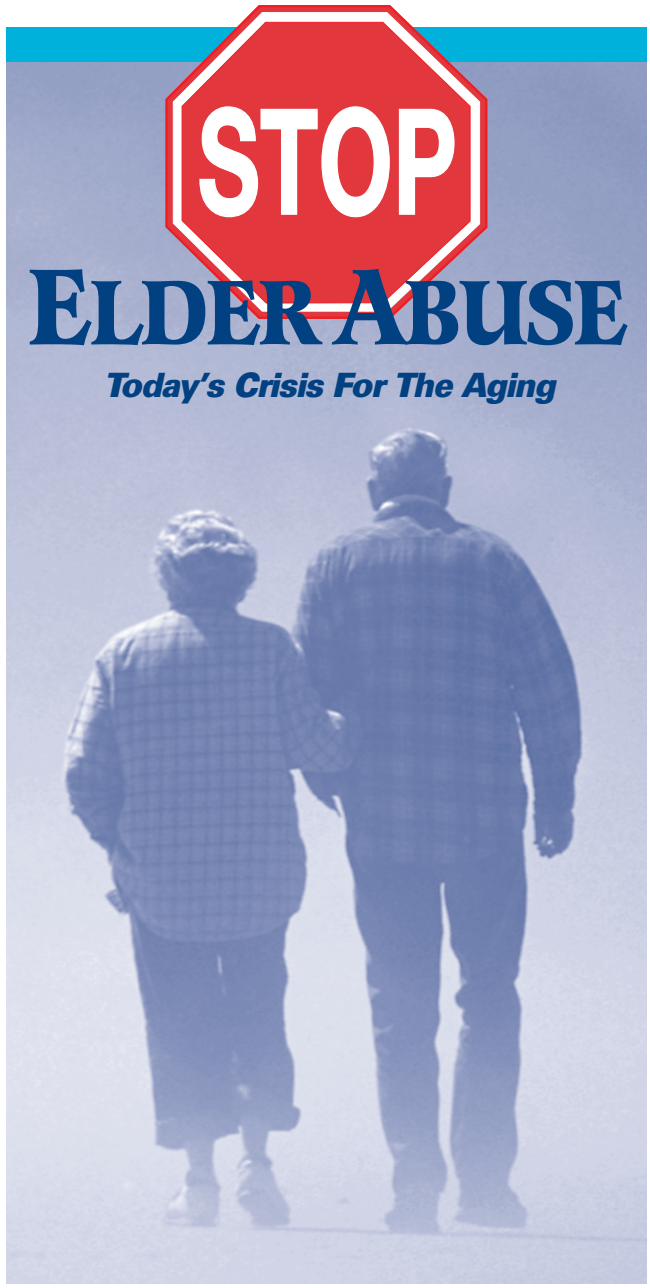

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Elder Abuse is a broad term used to identify mistreatment of elder and disabled adults. Victims often live in silent desperation and are unwilling to seek assistance to protect themselves because they fear the consequences of their actions. Many remain silent to protect abusive caregivers or family members, while others may be too embarrassed or fear that no one will believe them.

Elder Abuse Can Take on Many Forms

- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Neglect by a Caregiver
- Self-Neglect

- Exploitation
- Financial Exploitation, including Fraud and Scams

Who We Are

The Cape Fear Elder Abuse Prevention Network, developed in 2006, is a grassroots educational outreach initiative. It includes human service and community agencies as well as volunteers, from Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties. This dedicated group is working to further strengthen and expand existing efforts in elder abuse education and prevention.

Cape Fear Elder Abuse PREVENTION Network

Goals

- Raise awareness of victimization of elders and people with disabilities
- Advocate for needed services, resources, and to strengthen existing laws
- Provide training and education on Elder Abuse and other aging issues to the public

Join Us in Making a Difference!

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SPEAKERS

PRESENTATIONS

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS