

## **Reasons Elder Abuse is not reported:**

Victims may not be in the mental state to report the abuse and/or recognize it.

Victims may be afraid to report the crime.

Victims of financial exploitation may not be aware that they are being abused.

## **Alarming Statistics:**

According to a 2004 study done by The National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse And The National Adult Protective Services Association...

\*Self neglect accounts for about 38% of elder abuse. 20% is due to caregiver neglect. 15% is due to financial exploitation.

\*About 33% of abusers were the children of the victim. About 22% were other family members of the victim.

# **Abuse Victim Hotline, Inc.**

A Massachusetts nonprofit organization.

**Free, confidential support to any/all victims of abuse.**

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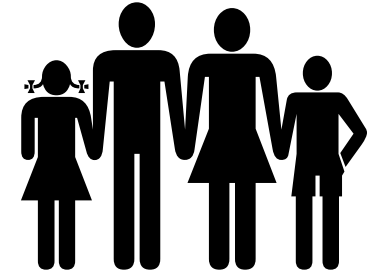
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# **Elder Abuse:**

An Unfortunate Reality



This pamphlet contains important information about this disturbing topic.

**If you are a VICTIM of Elder Abuse, contact the Abuse Victim Hotline for FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, LEGAL SUPPORT and GUIDANCE**

Toll free:

**1.866.MobileLaw**

or

**781.853.0137**

# What is Elder Abuse?

- When a caregiver harms an elder physically or emotionally
- When a caregiver steals or abuses an elder's money and or property
- When an elder refuses to take care of his or her own needs

## Elder abuse can be:

- Physical Force
- Emotional/ Verbal
- Sexual
- Financial
- Caregiver Neglect
- Self-abuse

# Any citizen 60 years of age or older is protected by Massachusetts Elder Abuse Laws.

There are different regulations for those who live independently and those who live in a nursing community.

If you or someone you know is a victim of elder abuse, you should report it right away.

Call 911 if there is immediate danger.

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