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- Neglect or Isolation
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- Domestic Violence
- Financial Exploitation
- Sexual Abuse
- Identify Theft
- Institutional Abuse and Neglect
- Cons and Scams
- Human Trafficking

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- Poor hygiene or nutrition and unsafe or unclean living conditions.
- Missing medical aids like glasses, dentures, hearing aids, a walker, etc.
- Over- or under-medication.
- Changes in behavior or sleep.
- Increased fear, anxiety, or sadness.
- Isolation or withdrawal from normal activities.
- Unusual changes to financial arrangements: bank accounts, money management services, wills or trusts.
- Unpaid bills or fraudulent signatures on financial documents.

**Who is at risk?**

There are several factors that can contribute to elder abuse:
- Social isolation
- Lack of access to support services
- Lack of training or understanding of how to properly care for older people
- Emotional or financial dependence on the older adult

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