

# The Nation's Leading Resource on the Maltreatment of Elders and People with Disabilities

The Sketchley Method is the nation's leading resource on the prevention of the maltreatment (abuse, neglect, and exploitation) of elders and people with disabilities. Our focus is directed specifically on these two groups who are uniquely vulnerable to these crimes yet receive little to no national media coverage or advocacy. We give a voice to these very real, very present harm occurring in your community on a daily basis.

#### But we're not just here to tell you there's a problem in America.

Instead, we provide you with the resources you need to recognize these problems in your community and help fight them. You will find resources that include books, articles, checklists and guides designed specifically to help you. Each week we address breaking news as it happens across the nation, the world, and possibly your hometown! We are creating an educated, active community comprised of citizens and professionals who want to stop this epidemic. Let's show you how to get involved!

### Statutory Language by State

There are no uniform laws for the maltreatment of elders and people with disabilities.

Understanding how each state addresses these issues is critical.

### State Reporting Hotlines and Websites

Many of us don't know what to do when we come face-to-face with the maltreatment of an elder or person with a disability.

We must report abuse to stop it.

### View Statutes

### Report Abuse



# World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: Protecting Our Elders

#### JUN 15, 2024

Every June 15th, we recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). This day shines a light on the mistreatment of older adults, a sadly widespread issue. WEAAD is a call to action for all of us – individuals, organizations, and communities – to work together to...

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# Abuse of Elders With Dementia More Likely

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#### JUL 20, 2020

Isolation is one of the contributing factors that contributes to the exploitation of elders. Isolation breeds loneliness. The pandemic is contributing to the isolation of our



### 5 Coronavirus Scams to Avoid

#### JUL 3, 2020

During times of crisis, scammers and con artists use fear to trick you out of your money or sensitive personal information; and Coronavirus is no exception. People age 60 are at increased risk for COVID-19 and seniors also at increased risk of being targeted by these... read more



#### SEP 2, 2019

Abuse of elders does is not something most people think about unless it's a huge news story. It's hard to imagine how anyone could willfully harm an elder, but the problem is so widespread that it's a near-epidemic. Who is most at risk? Elders with dementia. More...

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### States Must Make It Easier to Report Elder Abuse

#### SEP 22, 2017

One in seven Americans is over age 65 and increasing rapidly. By 2030, 20% elders and thus loneliness. When elders are lonely, phone and internet scammers may find it...

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### What is the Elder Abuse Prevention & Prosecution Act

#### JAN 1, 2018

On October 18, 2017, Congress passed the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (EAPPA). The goal of the EAPPA is to address financial abuse and exploitation of elders on a national scale. It is estimated that financial exploitation costs seniors in the U.S.... read more

# Lack of Emergency Preparedness Is Elder Abuse

#### SEP 24, 2017

After the story that ten (10) frail, elderly residents died in a nursing home in Hollywood Hills, Florida following Hurricane Irma made national news, professionals who work with elders and family members or friends with a loved... **read more** 

# Beware of the Utility Scam – It's Not Your Utility Company

AUG 7, 2017

of the population will be over age 65. As our population ages, the incidents of elder abuse also referred to as elder maltreatment (abuse, neglect & exploitation) increase as well. Elder... read more

### Arbitration Clauses Allow Facility to Hide Elder Abuse

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Arbitration clauses are common in nursing home and assisted living facility admission agreements. While these clauses are touted by many as benefiting the parties by reducing the costs of litigation, shortening the time for resolving a dispute, and for allowing...

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It's summertime and the heat can be unbearable. You find comfort in coming home to a nice cool home. Who would have ever thought that scammers are now using your utility bill to get into your wallet with a "utility scam". The heat is on! Hiya, a phone scam protection...

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#### ABOUT THE SKETCHLEY METHOD (TSM)



The Sketchley Method was created to give a voice to the very real issues of fraud, abuse, theft and exploitation that vulnerable elders and disabled individuals face on a daily basis.

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