



## Neglect

- Inadequate or lack of medical/health assistance
- Poor nutritional status
- Withholding food or liquids
- Inadequate or inappropriate use of medication



## Financial Abuse

- Sudden inability to pay bills such as rent, heating
- Changes in appearance, such as clothing in poor condition
- Banking happens in the presence of a relative, caregiver, or stranger who may be receiving money from the senior
- Unexplained or sudden withdrawal of money from accounts
- Misuse of a Power of Attorney

## Physical Abuse

- Skin shows signs of dehydration, lacerations, burns
- Bruising appears in unusual areas such as chest, abdomen, face, or extremities
- Unexplained fractures or a history of "accidents"

## Emotional Abuse

- Treating the senior like a child
- Signs of depression, fear, anxiety, or withdrawal
- Changes in behaviour when around caregiver or family member
- Limiting or not allowing the senior to use the telephone or socialize with family, friends or neighbours



## Sexual Abuse

- Unexplained sexually transmitted diseases or genital infections
- Inappropriate touching
- Making sexual remarks and/or suggestions to another person
- Non-consensual sexual contact of any kind

**If you or someone you know is in a life threatening situation or immediate danger, call 911 or the local police**

**For Information and Referral to Services in Ontario call  
Seniors Safety Line: 1-866-299-1011**