

What is Elder Abuse?

Elder Abuse is an act that results in harm or threatened injury to a person 65 years or older. Elder Abuse can be any of the following:

- **Physical Abuse** can include hitting, punching, striking, pushing, sexual abuse, prolonged deprivation of food or water, withholding medication, the use of alcohol or unauthorized drugs to make the older person easier to care for, or any other act that can physically harm an elderly person.

- **Emotional Abuse** can be acts to humiliate, demean or threaten the elderly person. An abuser can intimidate an elderly person by destroying their property, hurting their pets or using menacing gestures and language.

- **Neglect** is failure to assist the elderly person in personal hygiene, to provide food, clothing, shelter, or to protect them from health and safety hazards.

- **Financial Abuse** can take many different forms. It can include forcing an elderly person to change their Will, theft, fraud, taking ownership of an elderly person's home, stealing their social security checks, or withdrawing money from the elderly person's bank accounts without their consent.

- **Psychological Abuse** includes manipulating, controlling or intimidating the elderly person.

- **Isolation** is preventing an elder from having visitors, telephone calls or receiving mail.

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach's Senior Law Project assists Asian and Pacific Islander seniors by securing the legal rights, protections, and entitlements to increase independence and decrease incidence of physical & financial abuse.

APILO assist seniors with:

- Elder Abuse
- Long-term Care Planning
- Wills, living trusts, powers of
- attorney
- Medi-Cal, SSI, Social Security
- Benefits
- Taxes
- Conservatorships
- Consumer Fraud

What to do if an elderly person is abused.

1. Call 911 or the San Francisco police 415-553-0123
2. Call Adult Protective Services in San Francisco 415-557-5230
3. Call APILO 415-567-6255 for assistance in getting court orders to protect the elderly person from further abuse.

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO) is a non-profit legal services agency that serves our Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the SF Bay Area.

APILO services are free to those receiving public assistance and/or low-income. Services are also offered on a sliding fee scale.

Services provided in

- Cantonese
- Mandarin
- Japanese
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Tagalog

and other languages.

What can I do to HELP?

- Be supportive.
- Help elder find appropriate resources.
- Report It!

Resources

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach

- 1188 Franklin Street, Suite 202
- San Francisco, CA 94109
- 415-567-6255

- 1212 Broadway, Suite 400
- Oakland, CA 94612
- 510-251-2846

- Adult Protective Services**
- SF 415-557-5230
- East Bay 510-639-1365

- Elder Abuse Referral Line**
- 415-626-1033



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