

ELDER ABUSE REFERS TO ANY
INTENTIONAL OR NEGLIGENT ACT
THAT CAUSES HARM OR RISK OF HARM
TO AN OLDER ADULT.

Types of elder abuse include physical, sexual, emotional, and financial abuse as well as caregiver neglect and self-neglect.

Preventing Elder Abuse begins with awareness.

- Only 1 in 20 cases of elder abuse is ever reported.
- Only 1 in 44 cases of financial abuse is ever reported.
- Ninety percent of elder abuse occurs in the community (not in a nursing facility).



66 Churches are able to do what Adult Protective Services cannot do. 99

Rick Hall, Adult Services Division Director,
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What can you or your church do to prevent elder abuse?

- Help raise awareness.
- Know the warning signs.
- Report suspected abuse to your county's.
 Department of Social Services / Adult
 Protective Services.
- Minister to those living in isolation (homebound).
- Provide respite or help to caregivers.

NCBAM can help your church prevent elder abuse in your community.

Call us today at 877.506.2226 to schedule a "Let's Stop the Hurting" workshop!

Workshop attendees will learn:

- The scope and types of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation
- Steps to deter potential abuse
- The role of Adult Protective Services in North Carolina
- How churches can make a difference

LET'S STOP THE HURTING.
TOGETHER WE CAN!



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