

INDICATORS OF ABUSE

Physical



Bruising

- Bilateral, patterned, multiple, object-shaped (eg: hand), any stage of healing

Burns

- Object-shaped, blistered,

Sprains

Unexplained Internal Injuries

Fractures

Injuries to Mouth

- Chipped teeth, ulcers, tears, swelling
- Cuts/lacerations
- Puncture wounds

Sexual



Damaged clothing & bedding

- Torn, stained

Difficulty Moving

- Walking, sitting

Bleeding

- Vaginally, rectally

Bruising

- Genital, inner thigh

Infections of private areas

STDs, HIV, AIDS

Genital itching, swelling, pain

Changes in behavior

Pregnancy

Incontinence

Emotional Verbal



Screaming, yelling, shouting

Cursing

Intimidating

- Posture, gestures or words

Ridiculing culture or heritage

General/Sexual Harassment

Threatening

- Violence or withdrawal of necessities

Negative remarks

- Name-calling, belittling, degrading, discrimination, mimicking, cruel teasing, lying, or cruel labelling,

Neglect



Lacking

- Necessities, hygienic care, medical care, supervision safety

Mismanaged medication

- Old, Unmarked, Over-Medicated

Skin irritation

- Bed-sores, lice, rashes

Exposed to toxic chemicals

Restraining Devices Evident

Patient-on-Patient Abuse

Dehydration/Malnutrition

Financial



Forged signatures

Cashing checks

- For personal use by caregiver

Misusing patient bank books

Lying about an individuals living expenses

Withholding funds

Individual complains of...

- Furniture, jewelry, credit cards or other items are missing

Mistreatment



The use of medications or treatments, isolation or physical/chemical restraints which harms or creates a substantial likelihood of harm

SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR



Distrust

Outbursts

Worry or obsess about their own performance

Loss of appetite

Resistant

- Taking medication, bathing, eating, accepting care

Incontinence, Malodorous

Refusing Assistance

Physical Deterioration

Substance Abuse

Sexual Promiscuity

Self-Injurious Behaviors

Emotionally Withdrawn

Isolated

Adopts behaviors of caregiver

Destruction

Stunted Growth

Developmental Delays

Attention/Learning Disorders

Feelings of

- Hopelessness, low self esteem/confidence, suicide, aggression, self-hate, self-blame, guilt

Fear of

- caregiver, rejection, abandonment, retaliation, touch, intimacy, being alone, dark, people, places, caregiver

Criticize/Hurt Caregiver

Attention/Learning Disorders

Stress-Related Illness

Trouble Sleeping

Nightmares

Desire to leave caregiver

Crying Easily/Frequently

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