

## Quiz: what do you know about the abuse of older adults?

Circle your response: TRUE or FALSE

Abuse of older adults is not related to other forms of family violence T F

It is easy for older adults to talk about abuse T F

Only women older adults are abused, not men T F

Abuse and neglect of older adults only happens at home T F

It is easy to recognize when older adults are being abused or neglected T F

The abuse and neglect of older adults is the direct result of caregiver stress T F

Some cultures do not abuse or neglect older adults T F

Older adults do not have to worry about sexual assault, sexual harassment or dating violence T F

Most older adults need assistance in managing their business and personal affairs T F

### Quiz: answers and facts

Each statement is false!

“Abuse of older adults is not related to other forms of family violence.”

**Fact:** Older people who are abused now may have been physically, emotionally, or sexually abused in the past. Abuse and neglect of older adults is a form of family violence like child abuse or spousal abuse.

“It is easy for older adults to talk about abuse”

**Fact:** It is not easy to talk about abuse at any age. Most older adults who are abused never tell anyone.

“Only women older adults are abused, not men”

**Fact:** Both women and men are victims of abuse and neglect. Most victims of older adult abuse are women, but not all.

“Abuse and neglect of older adults only happens at home”

**Fact:** Abuse can occur both in the home and in institutional settings such as seniors’ residences, long-term care facilities, hospitals and nursing homes.

“It is easy to recognize when older adults are being abused or neglected”

**Fact:** Violence is a complicated issue, and abuse may not be obvious.

The abuse and neglect of older adults is the direct result of caregiver stress

**Fact:** Caregiver stress is a real problem, but it is not an excuse for hurting others.

“Some cultures do not abuse or neglect older adults”

**Fact:** Many people think cultures that stress respect for its older adults do not abuse and neglect them. But abuse and neglect can occur in any community.

“Older adults do not have to worry about sexual assault, sexual harassment or dating violence”

**Fact:** Sexual harassment and sexual assault can happen to elders as well as younger people. An older adult may experience violence from her husband or partner, or from a stranger.

“Most older adults need assistance in managing their business and personal affairs”

**Fact:** Most older adults are quite capable and able to manage their business affairs and personal relationships. You are never too old to learn new things like banking, using computers, understanding medicine, etc.