

Newsletter



Understanding and Investigating Elder Sexual Abuse

Recognize the Signs of Elder Sexual Abuse

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Sexual Elder Abuse Is...

- The forced or unwanted sexual interaction (touching and non-touching acts) of any kind with an older adult.

[Access the Signs of Abuse](#)

Learn About Older Victims of Sexual Abuse and Intervention Strategies

ESA is often shrouded in silence and shame by those experiencing harms and undetected by undertrained professionals who miss or minimize signs of abuse in later life.

Given the disparate elements that comprise and contribute to ESA, a universal definition of the concept is lacking. In general, ESA is non-consensual sexual contact of any kind with an older adult, including but not limited to unwanted touching, sexual assault or battery, and sexual harassment. ESA also embraces sexual contact with older people who lack capacity to give consent due to illness, cognitive condition, intoxication, duress, fraud, and undue influence. One study differentiates offenses by classifying them as "hands-on" and "hands-off" crimes. The former include rape, attempted rape, fondling, oral-genital contact, prostitution of the elder, sadistic sexual activity, or sexualized kissing. The latter offenses involve exhibitionism, voyeurism, sexual comments, and pornography. Sexual violence may surface in the context of life-long harm or appear for the first time in later life.

Prevalence

ESA is frequently underreported and undetected, resulting in inaccurate and vastly understated prevalence estimates. Within community settings, one study found that 0.9% of older adults experienced ESA, while another reported a prior year prevalence rate of 1.5% within the same population.

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Empower Your Investigation with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners

Forensic Nurses: Optimizing Outcomes for Elder Victims

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The badly beaten and bruised 74-year-old woman presented to the emergency room via ambulance after experiencing a violent

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Use the Evidence Collection Checklist to Gather Evidence of Abuse

EAGLE
Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement

TYPES OF ELDER ABUSE STATE SPECIFIC LAWS TOOLS AND TRAINING CONTACT



Evidence Collection Checklist

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Bookkeeper for nonprofit sentenced to Federal Prison for Stealing more than \$79,000 from vulnerable older adults

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New Yorker found guilty of conspiracy to launder proceeds for scammers targeting older adults

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