Introduction to
The Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement

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Introduction

About Us

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• Background
• Learning Objectives
• Site Tour
• Types of Elder Abuse, quick reference
To improve the national response to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation by gathering, housing, disseminating, and stimulating innovative, validated methods of practice, education, research, and policy.
Social Isolation - A Major Factor in the Cause of EA

Occurs in many ways:

- **Loss of visual cues**
  - *Ex-Macular Degeneration*
- **Loss of auditory cues**
  - *Can you hear me now?*
- **Limitations with Mobility**
  - *Wheelchairs/walkers*
- **Loss of drivers license**
Polling Question 1:
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What barriers do you encounter when building an elder abuse case?

• (A) Inability to easily find the corresponding regulations
• (B) Trouble identifying elder abuse signs and appropriate actions
• (C) Difficultly interviewing an older adult with dementia
• (D) All of the above
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Development
EAGLE is a FREE tool that helps officers effectively identify and investigate potential elder abuse cases
- Funded by the Department of Justice and developed by elder abuse experts at the University of Southern California
- EAGLE was also cross tested by law enforcement departments across the country
- EAGLE is for everyone! Feel free to access and use at will  http://eagle.trea.usc.edu/

EAGLE Tools and Capabilities
In addition to quick reference educational information on various forms of elder abuse, EAGLE also provides:
- Assistance in documenting a case for prosecution
- ZIP-code-based community resources locator
- State-by-state penal codes relating to elder abuse
Roll Call Training Videos

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Watch the below Case Examples, documenting how law enforcement and legal prosecuted common financial abuse cases.
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EAGLE Phase 2 provides up to date elder abuse alerts, roll call videos, and webinars developed by the Department of Justice and the International Association of Chief of Police

**ACTION ITEM:**

Sign up for the EAGLE newsletter and receive alerts when new information is posted to the website

eaglehelp@usc.edu
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Polling Question 2:
How many individuals over the age of 60 are abused?

• (A) 1 in 20
• (B) 1 in 5
• (C) 1 in 10
• (D) 1 in 50
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Financial Abuse

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• Financial Elder Abuse is using an older adult’s money or assets (pension, home, social security checks) contrary to their wishes, needs or best interested, or for the abuser’s personal gain

• Undue influence is when a person of trust manipulates and takes advantage of a vulnerable elder to gain control of money, property or life—either directly or through power of attorney, trust, marriage, adoption, or inheritance.
Signs of Financial Abuse

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- Changes of trusts, wills, deeds for the benefit of the abuser
- Large purchases for the abuser’s benefit
- Inappropriate financial reimbursement for services to the older adult victim
- Caregiver “living off” the older adult
Ask Yourself

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- What is the victim’s understanding of their financial situation?
- Do they have a durable power of attorney? If so, can you see it? Who is named as having power of attorney for the older adult? (Take a copy or a picture!)
- Is the person having power of attorney for the older adult abusing their authority?
- Is the older adult’s money being used for their care?
- Who pays the bills?
Take Action

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- Use the First Responder Checklist to document whether there have been any missing funds, sudden changes in a will, or new credit card applications. Also make note of the victim’s overall level of independence and functioning.

- Collect Power of Attorney (POA) documents for finances and any other relevant financial documents available on-scene.

- Multiple types of elder abuse may be present. Explore and document the possibility of other types of abuse.

Development Note: active link to First Responder Checklist
We want to hear from you! eaglehelp@usc.edu

You may also contact us at
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1-855-500-3537 (ELDR)
cea-info@aoa.hhs.gov
https://ncea.acl.gov/

USC Center on Elder Mistreatment website:
http://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/ or www.trea.usc.edu

We also thought you might like to use-STEAP....
National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA), in partnership with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), launched the **STEAP (Supports and Tools for Elder Abuse Prevention) Initiative** in an effort to educate and empower communities to create a sturdy structure of support to notice, report, and prevent elder abuse.

The centerpiece of this Initiative is a **toolkit** with practical and customizable elder abuse education and outreach tools.

Download and customize the toolkit at [nceausc.tk/STEAP](nceausc.tk/STEAP)
NEW! FREE and ready-to-use materials to engage and educate your community about the role everyone can play in preventing elder abuse.
Customizable & ready-to-use outreach tools
nceausc.tk/STEAP

Fact sheets and brochure

Presentation template & evaluation form

Outreach calendar for year-round elder abuse prevention programming
Customizable & ready-to-use outreach tools
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Add your own logo, contact information, and local elder abuse reporting numbers.

Instructions: nceausc.tk/STEAPCI

Contact us at 1-855-500-3537 or ncea-info@aoa.hhs.gov for questions or assistance.
Polling Question 3:
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Do you think that EAGLE will be helpful to you when developing an elder abuse case?

- (A) Strongly Agree
- (B) Agree
- (C) Undecided
- (D) Disagree
- (E) Strongly Disagree
Thank You.

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