

Elder Abuse Awareness Quiz
Test Your Knowledge!

1. Spouses commit the most elder abuse later in life? TRUE or FALSE?
2. Something that contributes to elder abuse in later life is: (select one)
 - a) Retirement (resulting in the abuser and victim spending more time together)
 - b) Health changes in either the victim or the abuser
 - c) Both of the above
3. One sign that could indicate physical abuse is when an elder has bruises of different colors. TRUE or FALSE?
4. One sign that could indicate sexual abuse is when an elder is made to look at pornography. TRUE or FALSE?
5. One sign that could indicate emotional abuse is when a family member does not give an elders access to others. TRUE or FALSE?
6. One sign of financial exploitation is if a family member forces an elderly person to change their will. TRUE or FALSE?
7. One sign that could indicate neglect is when an elder is wearing the same clothing every time you see him or her, no matter what time of day or season. TRUE or FALSE.
8. If you suspect elder abuse, the first thing you need to do it (select one):
 - a) Report the elder abuse to Protective Services
 - b) Keep yourself safe
 - c) Document facts as you see them or hear them
 - d) Refer the family to social services
9. It is important that you report facts clearly. You should report:
 - a) What you have seen
 - b) What you have heard
 - c) What others have told you
 - d) All of the above
10. Who should report elder abuse?
 - a) Social Workers
 - b) Neighbors
 - c) Concerned citizens
 - d) All of the above

Answers

1. FALSE. 47% of abusers in the National Incidence Study on Elder Abuse were adult children. Spouses account for only 19% of abusers.
2. (C) Both of the above. All these factors can contribute to elder abuse.
3. TRUE. Whenever you see bruises of different colors, it indicates that the person received them over time. In this case, you can't rule out elder abuse.
4. TRUE. This is a form of sexual abuse. An elder does not need to be touched inappropriately to be sexually abused.
5. TRUE. While it could be that the family member is very concerned about an elder, it could also mean that he or she does not want them to tell others what is going on in the family.
6. TRUE. If an elder is not making financial decisions freely then this would be considered financial exploitation.
7. TRUE. Wearing the same clothing (especially when it may not be appropriate for all situations or seasons) may indicate neglect or self neglect.
8. (A) Report elder abuse. Reporter's identity is kept confidential.
9. (D) All of the above. It is important to investigators to get as clear picture of the situation as possible.
10. (D) All of the above. Anyone can report elder abuse however social workers and other health care professionals are mandated to report elder abuse.