



Stop Abuse, Restore Respect!

Our Mandate

Northumberland Elder Abuse Resource Network (NEARN) was created to facilitate the planning and coordination of services related to elder abuse prevention in Northumberland County and to provide education and awareness about elder abuse in the community.

NEARN is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization that is funded by contributions from government grants, donations, and fundraising activities.

Who Can Help

Central East
LHIN
1-800-263-3877

Community Care
Northumberland
1-866-514-5774

Elder Abuse Ontario
(705) 876-1122 ext. 327

Ministry of Health
Long Term Care
ACTION Line
1-866-876-7658

O.P.P.
1-888-310-1122
Cobourg (905) 372-5421
Campbellford (705) 653-3300
Brighton (613) 475-1313

Port Hope Police Service
(905) 885-8123

Retirement Home
Regulatory Authority
1-855-ASK-RHRA
(1-855-275-7472)

Help Line
2-1-1

Seniors Safety Line
1-866-299-1011

Victim Services
Peterborough/
Northumberland
1-888-822-7729
(905) 372-2255

In case of Emergency call 911

Additional Information

Advocacy Centre for the Elderly
www.advocacycentreelderly.org

Office of the Public Guardian & Trustee
www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca

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www.cornerstonenorthumberland.ca/nearn

www.elderabuseontario.com



Elder abuse is any act which causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust such as family or friends.

Emotional Abuse

Using threats, humiliation or harassment to cause anguish and feelings of shame or powerlessness. Preventing contact with relatives, friends or service providers or restricting activities.

Physical Abuse/Sexual Abuse

Inflicting pain or injury such as hitting, slapping, pushing, inappropriate use of restraints or medications and/or any sexual activity for which the person has not consented.

Financial Abuse

Using someone's money, property or other assets illegally or improperly, misuse of power of attorney or forcing someone to change their will or sign documents.

Neglect

Failing to provide the basic necessities of life; (ie. food, shelter, medication) either intentionally or unintentionally.



What Are the Signs?

Older adults who are experiencing abuse or neglect may:

- Tell you they are being harmed
- Seem fearful around certain people
- Become socially withdrawn
- Become passive and compliant
- Have unexplained physical injuries
- Lack food, clothing or other necessities
- Show changes in their hygiene or nutrition
- Suddenly become unable to meet financial obligations
- Have unusual withdrawals from their bank or other financial institutions



Start the conversation

Rights

Older people have the right to:

- **Live in safety**
- **Be treated with dignity and respect**
- **Make their own choices, even if they seem wrong to others**

Elder abuse is when these rights are denied, resulting in harm.

Elder Abuse is a Crime!