



Elder Abuse & Neglect

Elder Abuse: Five Case Studies

M100.01

This video explores the issues of family abuse against an older adult very personally from the point of view of five different victims. Their candor in telling about their situation gives the viewer insight into the ambivalent feeling of older abuse victims as they try to find resolution to their pain. In the context of their struggle we also see the various interventions that can be used to help stop the abuse, including counseling, shelters, supportive services and legal action. Each of the cases in this video is real - not reenacted - and has been tracked over a period of time.

Color, 40 min, VHS

I'd Rather Be Home

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This video follows, over a period of seven years, the case of Norman, an older man repeatedly abused by one of his adult sons. The son lives at home (along with Norman's wife and other adult son). Since Norman is unwilling to take legal action, the situation seesaws for years with Norman leaving home for short periods of time and then returning, hoping his son will change. Eventually, after a severe beating, Norman ends up in a nursing home, has a mild stroke and is placed under state guardianship.

Color, 30 min, VHS

The Golden Years?

M100.03

We imagine that retirement will be a time of leisure and relaxation – a time to slow down and enjoy life. For some, however, the “golden years” will be years of abuse, neglect, and exploration. It's estimated that as many as a million Americans over sixty-five will become victims of a form of domestic violence that has been hidden, denied and, until recently, didn't even have a name. The stories in this documentary are graphic and disturbing, but they cannot be ignored.

Color, 60 min, VHS

Abuse: The Residents Perspective

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In this program, what residents report that they feel as abuse and their list of concerns may surprise your staff. Not only do their comments include the obvious, but also many things you would not think of unless you were a resident. From their perspective, negative attitudes, lack of respect, waiting for care, and even staff not wearing nametags are unacceptable. These residents give you the perspective of what it's like to be on the other side of care. Shot on-location at The Roland Park Place and Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital.

Color, 20 min, VHS