



ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS OF ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION

Environmental signs of elder abuse include, but are not limited to:

- An unclean or unsanitary living environment.
- Strong odors of urine and or feces.
- Lack of food.
- Lack of medication or assistive devices (if needed by older adult).
- Lack of heat, electricity, or running water.
- Safety issues.
- Abused or neglected pets.
- Damage to home caused by abusive behavior such as broken door frames, holes punched in walls, and broken items, such as a phone.
- Dangerous environment due to basic safety and health standards not being met.
- Infestation of insects or rodents.
- House, roof, yard in disrepair.
- Evidence of hoarding.

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