

NATIONAL CENTER ON ELDER ABUSE

An Introduction to Elder Abuse for Professionals

Abandonment



INTRODUCTION

This document supports the NCEA slide deck *An Introduction to Elder Abuse for Professionals: Abuse in Later Life*. The slides and the guidelines for using them are at www.ncea.aoa.gov/Training/Curricula/index.aspx.

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NOTE: Abandonment is a topic that has not received as much attention as other forms of elder abuse. NCEA is not aware of videos or other resources on abandonment.

Some state statutes specify abandonment as a type of elder abuse.

Abandonment is also sometimes considered a subset of neglect. Consider reviewing resources on neglect for more information, such as:

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