



Elder Abuse is a crime that affects our community:

See something?
Hear something?

Say something.

Protect our seniors. Report Elder Abuse.

Report Elder Abuse:

CALL 9-1-1 IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OF SAFETY TO THE SENIOR

Contact **Halton Seniors Helpline:**
1-866-457-8252

(Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or leave a message)

www.haltonseniorshelpline.ca

Email: info@haltonseniorshelpline.ca

Anonymously through **Crime Stoppers of Halton:**

1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

www.haltoncrimestoppers.com

Email: haltoncrimestoppers@cogeco.net

For more information about seniors programs, and safety and security tips, visit the Halton Regional Police Service website: www.haltonpolice.ca.

Or call the HRPS Elder Services Coordinator: **905-825-4747 ext. 5064.**

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It's A Crime



Halton's Growing Senior Population:

Did You Know?

- 1 in 8 Halton residents is a senior
- The number of seniors living in the Region is expected to reach 82,000 by 2015
- More than 11,000 seniors (about 23% of Halton's total senior population) live alone



Elder Abuse often occurs in relationships built on trust. It can take many forms, including financial abuse.

Elder Abuse is a **serious** and **growing** problem that violates the government's vision of a province where seniors are safe, live with dignity and are treated with respect.

Why Elder Abuse Should Be Reported:

People often feel that Elder Abuse is a family matter or fear that interference will make the situation worse. Attitudes such as these only aggravate the problem and can result in fatal consequences in some cases.

Elder Abuse At A Glance:

Elder Abuse is any action or lack of action that causes harm to an older adult. It often occurs in a relationship where there is an expectation of trust, such as between family members, caregivers, advisors, etc.

Did you know?

Elders are most often abused by those whom they know and trust

Forms of Elder Abuse:

Physical Abuse: Includes slapping, pinching, punching or other rough handling, sexual assault, and forced confinement.

Financial Abuse: The dishonest use of money or other assets, which may involve overcharging for services, and misuse of Power of Attorney.

Psychological Abuse: Includes verbal assaults, humiliation, intimidation, social isolation, and being treated like a child.

Neglect: Forms such as inadequate hygiene, administration of medication (too much or not enough), failure to ensure proper medical care, and not providing adequate food and/or beverage.