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Why Should I Care About Elder Abuse?

Elder abuse! Elder abuse! What is Elder abuse and why should I even care about it? Elder abuse is when someone (they can be young or old) abuses an elder. You should care about elder abuse because it's not ok to abuse anyone at all, plus would you like to get abused? I don't think so. Elder abuse is a really bad thing that sadly, yes it does exist. But it can be stopped if we do something about it. Maybe if we learn what abuse is and some ways we can help to stop abuse we can get rid of elder abuse once and for all!

So when someone abuses an elder it can be emotional, physical, neglect, or financial but in any case they are all bad. When they are abused physically by hitting, pushing, shoving, that can really hurt them. It can leave bruises and can even break their bones. It can take longer for them to heal since they're older and weaker. They can be mentally abused by being called names, not letting them see their grandchildren (if any), or just ignoring them and not loving them can hurt them a lot too. Being neglected can mean they are ignored and not properly cared for. And finally financial abuse means that someone is breaking something valuable to them and can also be when someone steals money from them too.

What are some signs they are getting abused? Well if they are getting physically abused they may have bruises or might limp more because of leg pain from being kicked, anything similar like that can mean they are getting abused. Mental abuse is less visible but some ways you can tell is: they are crying, looking sad, and not acting like themselves. You can tell if someone is neglected if they are skinnier from not being fed. And you can tell if someone is getting financially abused by them not having enough money, by their house being emptier and things are broken.

Do you know anyone that is getting abused? Well here is what you should do to help them out. You should take them to see a doctor/therapist to talk to them about their problems and help them. You can give them some money so they can have food to eat. You can also help them clean up their homes so they won't have to clean up the mess and get hurt. Call a police on the abuser so they can go to jail for abuse. And finally you should take care of them because they probably did so much for you when you were younger. Show them respect and love.

So that is my essay on explaining elder abuse and what to do when you know when you find out someone is getting abused. You learned about what are some types of abuse, how to tell someone is getting abused, and what to do if someone is getting abused. Not a single person loves to get abused so what makes it ok to abuse elders? Nothing at all! Now let's work together to try to stop elder abuse and make the world a better place for everyone. Can you come up with any more ways to stop elder abuse? If so spread the word!