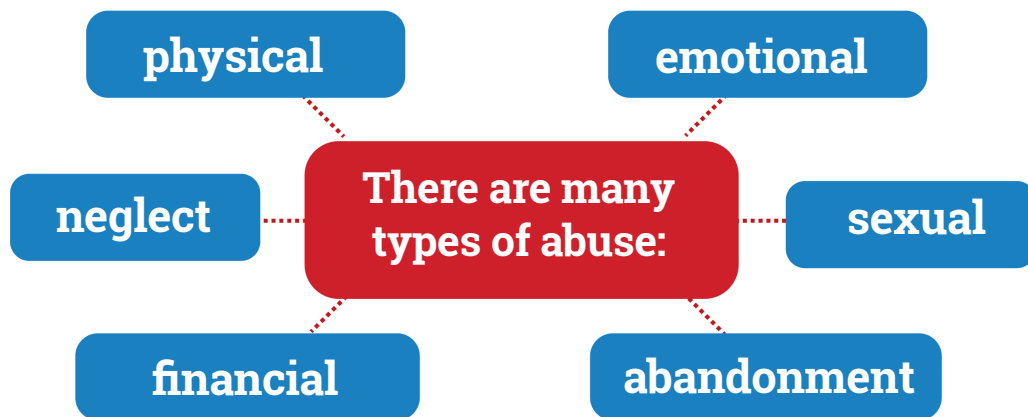# SPOTTING THE SIGNS OF
# ELDER ABUSE

Abuse can happen to any older person, by a loved one, a hired caregiver, or a stranger. Abuse can happen at home, at a relative's home, or in an eldercare facility.

**physical**

**emotional**

**neglect**

**There are many types of abuse:**

**sexual**

**financial**

**abandonment**

## Watch for these signs of abuse:

▶ Seems **depressed, confused,** or **withdrawn**

► **Isolated** from friends and family

► Has **unexplained bruises,** burns, or scars

► Appears **dirty, underfed, dehydrated, over- or undermedicated,** or not receiving needed care for medical problems

► Has **bed sores** or other preventable conditions

► Recent **changes** in **banking** or **spending** patterns

**Talk with the older adult and then contact** the local Adult Protective Services, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, or the police.