



# What is Abuse / Neglect?

## **PHYSICAL ABUSE:**

Hitting, pinching, slapping, kicking, unwanted sexual advances or contact ... ***anything that hurts you physically!***

## **SEXUAL ABUSE:**

Any kind of sexual contact that is non-consensual.

## **VERBAL and MENTAL ABUSE:**

Threatening, yelling, saying frightening things to you, name calling, demeaning behavior, name-calling, isolation, keeping you away from your family and friends ... ***anything that frightens you!***

## **FINANCIAL ABUSE:**

Taking your money, your possessions, your property, your bank checks, or your savings. Asking you to sign things you do not understand. Manipulation of any kind using deceptive, intimidating, coercive, and emotional tactics.

## **NEGLECT:**

Not giving your medications to you, someone else taking your medicine, not giving you enough to eat, and not helping with your personal care (*baths, etc.*)

## **ABANDONMENT:**

Desertion by one who has assumed responsibility for provision of care.