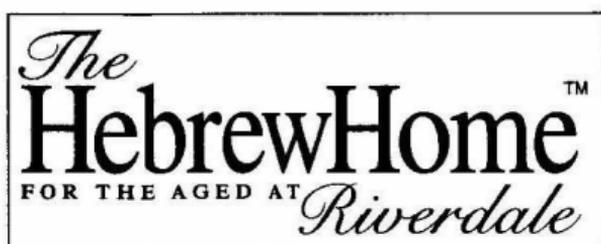


The Elder Abuse Initiative

A Cooperative Effort of the
Office of the District Attorney,
Bronx County,
The Weinberg Center of
The Hebrew Home for the Aged
at Riverdale,
ElderServe, the Hebrew Home's
Community Services Division,
and
The Bronx Borough Office of
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The Elder Abuse Initiative Protects the Elderly

The Elder Abuse Initiative is a partnership of the Bronx District Attorney, ElderServe, the community services division of The Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale, and the Bronx Borough Office of Adult Protective Services which, with the generous support of the Weinberg Foundation:

- Educate seniors living in the community as well as professionals about elder abuse.
- Train Bronx bank personnel to recognize financial exploitation and scams, and how to intervene and report them.
- Publish and disseminate literature, identifying the symptoms of elder abuse and ways to prevent it.
- Co-Chair the Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Task Force, a consortium of community social service, governmental and healthcare agencies to share areas of expertise and experience to prevent, investigate and remedy abuse of our most vulnerable seniors.

Learning More About

Elder Abuse

The Bronx District Attorney's Community Affairs unit and the Weinberg Center of the Hebrew Home provide knowledgeable speakers for programs at senior citizen centers, churches, synagogues, social service, health care and governmental agencies. They will tell you how to recognize and stop elder abuse.

Call

718-590-2272

(Bronx District Attorney)

or

1-800-567-3646

The Weinberg Center

Established in 2004, the Weinberg Center of The Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale was created to care and advocate for elder abuse victims and help study how to prevent such abuse. The Center reaches out to professionals, laypersons, and the elderly to help increase awareness of the problem and provide services to intervene and prevent further abuse.

The Weinberg Center includes an emergency protective shelter and a full spectrum of innovative services, educational and training programs, along with research initiatives. The Center provides information and services to victims of elder abuse 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the Hebrew Home's ACCESS number 1-800-56-SENIOR.

*The Elder Abuse Initiative,
a partnership between
the Bronx District Attorney,
the Bronx Borough Office of
Adult Protective Services, and
the Hebrew Home, ensures that
elderly crime victims are treated
with respect and dignity.*

What is Elder Abuse?

Elder abuse involves the abuse of older people. Especially vulnerable are the physically frail, the mentally incapacitated and the lonely. Caregivers and members of an elderly person's family, as well as complete strangers, may abuse an elderly person.

Types of Elder Abuse

- Physical abuse which causes bodily injury, pain or impairment.
- Emotional abuse which may involve humiliation or threats, implicit or explicit.
- Financial abuse which may include the unauthorized withdrawal of funds from a bank, use of credit cards, forgery and schemes to defraud an individual of property.
- Sexual abuse which is sexual contact without consent.
- Neglect which is the failure to provide a dependent person with clothing, food, medicine or shelter.

Is Elder Abuse a Crime?

Elder abuse is always wrong, but it is not always criminal.

Who Deals with Elder Abuse?

Law enforcement agencies act to stop abuse that is criminal. Social service agencies, hospitals and physicians offer support services to prevent an elderly person from being a victim of continued abuse.

ElderServe Works to Prevent Elder Abuse

ElderServe, the community services division of The Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale, offers a broad spectrum of health care and supportive services to the elderly who live in their own homes in the Bronx, Westchester, and Manhattan. These services include home care, adult day programs, "ElderServe at Night," Residential Respite, and support groups. Under the auspices of the Weinberg Center at the Hebrew Home, victims of abuse and neglect are linked to expeditious and comprehensive interventions, including the Weinberg Elder Abuse Shelter at the Hebrew Home.

Additional services and programs include:

- Heightening public awareness of elder abuse through community education, research and lectures for the public, social service and law enforcement professionals, and those who work daily with the elderly.
- Identifying at risk elderly persons through close monitoring and care, and give time-out to caregivers, alleviating the stress that may result from the ongoing physical and emotional demands of caregiving.
- Developing care plans and counseling for older adults. A social worker, nurse or trained professional identifies, evaluates and counsels elderly persons and their caregivers and then formulates a care plan for the person at risk.
- Referring older people and their caregivers to other organizations and services that can respond to their needs.
- Providing emergency short-term shelter at the Weinberg Center of the Hebrew Home.

Call ElderServe at 1-800-567-3646

Visit ElderServe at www.elderserve.org

To Report Elder Abuse in New York City, Call:

911

The New York City Department for the Aging
Elderly Crime Victims Resource Center
212-442-3103

Protective Services for Adults Central Intake
212-630-1853

New York State Senior Hotline
1-800-342-9871

In addition, if you live in the Bronx you may call:

The Bronx District Attorney's Office:

Crime Victims Assistance Unit's
Elder Abuse Coordinator
718-590-2260
718-590-2115

Economic Crimes Bureau
718-590-2405

Domestic Violence Bureau
718-590-2323

Sex Crimes Bureau
718-590-2382

Weinberg Elder Abuse Shelter
at the Hebrew Home
1-800-56-SENIOR (1-800-567-3646)

www.hebrewhome.org

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