



NURSING HOME NEGLIGENCE

There are approximately thirty-four million people over the age of 65. Nearly one in twenty will require some form of assisted living.

Unfortunately, our senior citizens are becoming victims of intentional abuse and neglect within nursing homes and assisted living facilities. While it is difficult enough to place a family member in a home, it is even more difficult to see that family member suffer under the care of an abusive, overburdened, and under-trained nursing home staff.

The National Center for Elder Abuse and numerous nursing home abuse articles report that neglect of our senior citizens' basic needs is the number one type of elder abuse. Physical abuse by care givers ranks as the second most common form of elder mistreatment. Almost one million senior citizens are victimized each year.

When abuse or neglect occurs in nursing homes and other assisted living facilities, it is often referred to as "institutional abuse." Institutional abuse can come in many forms, including physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. Physical abuse can be caused by hitting, unreasonably restraining, inappropriately drugging, refusing to transport, burning, and almost any other type of abusive physical contact imaginable.

General neglect of seniors is the most prevalent type of abuse. Neglect is the result of a lack of interest in the well being of the senior citizen. While physical, sexual, and mental abuse are the result of intentional and purposeful acts of the staff, neglect may occur when a care giver simply does not care. Care givers neglect their duty when they fail to provide some necessary element for the resident's survival. Such neglect can include anything from failing to provide food & water to not paying the heating bill.

If you or a relative has been the victim of neglect and abuse, please contact my office to discuss your legal options via phone (267) 241-2475, website Contact Form or through SKYPE™ (roseann e. weisblatt). **All consultations are free.**

