

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15



The day aims to focus global attention on the problem of physical, emotional, and financial abuse of elders. It also seeks to understand the challenges and opportunities presented by an ageing population, and brings together senior citizens, and their caregivers, national and local government, academics, and the private sector to exchange ideas about how best to reduce incidents of violence towards elders, increase reporting of such abuse, and to develop elder friendly policies.

The global population of people aged 60 years and older will more than double, from 542 million in 1995 to about 1.2 billion in 2025. Around 4 to 6% of elderly people have experienced some form of maltreatment at home. Elder maltreatment can lead to serious physical injuries and long-term psychological consequences. The incidence of abuse towards older people is predicted to increase as many countries are experiencing rapidly aging populations.

Elder abuse is a global social issue which affects the health and human rights of millions of older persons around the world, and an issue which deserves the attention of the international community.

We can stop elder abuse – June 15

It is the main day in the year when the world voices its opposition to the abuse and suffering inflicted on older people.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Hopkinsville, KY – June 15, 2017 The Tri Counties Elder Abuse Council will host a booth at Kroger from 10-2 passing out flyers for the evening event at Founders Square Park. Location: 9th Street and Bethel. Hopkinsville, KY. 42240 at 5:30pm. We encourage everyone to wear purple to advocate to stop elder abuse.

Madisonville, KY- The Hopkins / Muhlenberg Elder Abuse Council has been hosting a food drive for all of May for our seniors. The food collected will then be bagged up at the old courthouse square on June 15, 2017 at noon. A local radio station will be there and everyone is encouraged to wear purple to advocate to stop elder abuse.

To report abuse / neglect / exploitation call 1-800-752-6200

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