

# Elder abuse is common.



## Elder abuse can happen **at home**.

- 90% of abusers are family members.
- Most abusers are adult children, spouses and partners.



## Elder abuse can also happen **in institutions**.

- Nursing homes
- Long-term care facilities.



## But only 4% of elder abuse is reported. Why?

Older People May:



Fear retaliation



Worry about getting the abuser in trouble



Be mentally incapable



Feel ashamed or embarrassed

In many countries, older people have nowhere to turn for help - because **there are limited systems in place to address elder abuse.**