

The health sector can help stop elder abuse in communities, hospitals, and institutions.



There are promising strategies, such as developing:

- ✓ Professional awareness campaigns to help health care workers recognize elder abuse
- ✓ Caregiver support to reduce stress
- ✓ Caregiver training on dementia
- ✓ Residential care policies to define and improve standards of care



However, most nations report that they still **don't have formal action plans to address elder abuse.**

A recent survey of 133 countries found that:

Only **40%** had national plans

Only **17%** had a national survey

In Canada it is estimated that 10% of seniors experience some kind of abuse