

NEGLIGENCE

It is an unfortunate fact that many of our most vulnerable seniors are **“neglected to death.”**

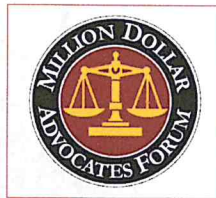
At any long term care facility the emphasis should be on caring.

Facility services should make residents’ lives easier, by providing safe housing, help with hygiene, dressing, eating, dispensing medicine, and encouraging physical and social activity.

Just as in their own homes, residents have the right to be free of verbal and physical abuse.

They have the right to be free from neglect.

All seniors who are dependent on their care givers have the right to the **highest standard of care and to be treated with dignity and respect.**



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Nursing Home
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EXPERIENCE COUNTS

Abuse and neglect do not happen in every nursing home. Most provide quality care. But even one case of abuse or neglect is one too many.

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BEDSORES - FALLS - INFECTIONS

These are the deadly three. In an elderly person any one of these can lead to poor quality of life and a premature painful death. In a skilled nursing facility with an adequate number of caregivers and a properly trained staff, none of these should happen.

BED SORES

Bed sores require special treatment. A resident entering a facility without any bed sores should not acquire any. If a resident has a bed sore, it must be documented and treated daily. If there is no improvement, the care plan should be changed.



FALLS

Falls can be life threatening in seniors. Bones are fragile and balance can be unsteady. Nursing facilities have a duty to have sufficient staff and equipment to provide all of the supervision and assistance necessary to prevent falls. Falls, bruising and broken bones are evidence of neglect and possibly even abuse.



INFECTIONS

Infections can be deadly. Untreated urinary tract infections and infected sores can spread to the bloodstream where it becomes sepsis, which leads to organ failure and death. Even a mild temperature or altered cognitive function can be a sign of serious infection. Prompt notification of the Dr. and treatment with antibiotics are critical.

Sepsis is a life threatening illness

Neglect and abuse of the elderly in Nursing Homes is serious and should always be reported to the
**KENTUCKY OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL**

502-564-7963

The Kentucky Attorney General has published an informative booklet entitled

“How to Protect Nursing Home Residents”

Copies can be downloaded from the Attorney General’s web site. Printed copies are available upon request at our office.

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