

# ELDER ABUSE UNIT

When an older person is abused or mistreated by someone they trust, the result can be devastating. Painful and complicated for the victim, he or she might feel shame, guilt and the fear of retaliation, and may want to keep it a secret.

There is help.

In an effective collaboration among prosecutors, social workers, NYPD and community advocates, we hold offenders accountable and help victims retain what is rightfully theirs: safety and dignity.

We assist the victim, often the parent or grandparent, in many ways. Emotional support, safety planning, family meetings, information regarding Criminal and Family Court Orders of Protection, and more. When offenders have drug, alcohol, or mental illness problems, many receive outpatient or residential treatment under strict court supervision.



In 2006, NCALL adapted the Power and Control Wheel, developed by the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Duluth, MN. Resource updated 2011

## FAMILY VIOLENCE IN LATER LIFE



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### Kings County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit/ Elder Abuse Unit

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718-250-3820

**DA's Action Center**  
Financial abuse  
718-250-2340

**Met Council**  
*Crisis intervention, counseling,  
Help in accessing support services  
and entitlements*  
212-453-9500

**JASA LEAP  
Legal & Social Work  
Elder Abuse Program**  
Counseling, Family Court Orders of  
Protection, legal services, lock changes,  
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212-273-5272

**Adult Protective Services**  
*To report abuse and neglect of physically  
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**Brooklyn Family Justice Center**  
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## IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911!

### ASK:

Are you afraid of anyone in your family?

Are you afraid of anyone who comes to see you?

Has anyone close to you tried to harm you?

Has anyone close to you called you names or cursed at you or made you feel bad recently?

Does anyone make you stay in bed or tell you that you are sick when you're not?

Has anyone forced you to do things that you did not want to do?

Has anyone taken things that belong to you without your permission?

Does anyone take your money or have access to your bank accounts?

(Excerpts from the National Center on Elder Abuse website [www.elderabusecenter.org](http://www.elderabusecenter.org)  
Risk Assessment Instruments, Rosalie Wolf, Ph.D.,  
Special Research Review Section, National Center on Elder Abuse  
Newsletter, September 2000)