

# Scams, Schemes, & Silence

Let's Stop Financial Exploitation!

**June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Financial Exploitation, whether through manipulation, scams, or unauthorized access to assets, robs older adults of their independence and peace of mind.**

## Know the Signs of Financial Abuse

- Unusual or unexplained bank activity
- Sudden changes in wills or legal documents
- Missing belongings or valuables
- Fear, confusion, or secrecy around money
- Bills going unpaid despite adequate income

### CASE STUDY

## A Real-World Example

### The Situation

Mrs. Thompson, 82, began missing bill payments. A longtime neighbor volunteered "to help" but was withdrawing money regularly and pressuring Mrs. Thompson to sign checks made out to herself.

### The Solution

Mrs. Thompson's caregiver noticed red flags and alerted her family. Her homecare agency connected them to an elder law attorney. With support in place, Mrs. Thompson regained control over her finances and household.



**Trained caregivers often notice what others miss.**

## If You Suspect Abuse or Need Guidance...

- **National Center on Elder Abuse** (NCEA) • [www.ncea.acl.gov](http://www.ncea.acl.gov) | 1-855-500-3537
- **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau** – Older Adults • [www.consumerfinance.gov/older-americans](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/older-americans)

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