



NIAGARA ELDER ABUSE NETWORK

The Niagara Elder Abuse Network has developed an Elder Abuse Resource Guide and Decision Tree. These tools will assist service providers working with seniors in Niagara to recognize signs of elder abuse and provide appropriate assistance.

The Network promotes the prevention of elder abuse through awareness and education. It also provides presentations on elder abuse. The Network consists of representatives from the Regional Community Services, the Alzheimer Society and the Niagara Regional Police Services. Suspected abuse may be reported to any of these organizations, however please refer situations of imminent danger to the police.

The Decision Tree assists a front line worker to make an informed decision when encountering evidence or suspicion of abuse. It includes questions as well as possible interventions, including key agencies to contact, in a handy, laminated format.

The Resource Guide includes information on elder abuse, guidelines for conducting assessments, as well as selected community resources available in Niagara.

Any agency in Niagara that would like to obtain copies of the Decision Tree and Resource Guide, and receive training on their use may contact Deborah Smith, or Gail MacKenzie-High. All contact information is listed below.

Ontario's Elder Abuse Strategy:
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Niagara Regional Police:
Deborah Smith @ 905 688-4111 ext. 5156

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