

Guiding Questions: Neglect, violence and abuse

1) In your country, are there specific studies or surveys (from governmental, nongovernmental or academic sources) on violence, abuse and neglect experienced by older persons?

Yes, there are several studies and surveys on violence, abuse and neglect experienced by older persons in India.

2) (a) What forms of violence, abuse and neglect (e.g. physical, psychological, sexual, financial, or other) are registered? What is the setting in which they occur (i.e. residential and nonresidential)?

Is there information about the type of perpetrators?

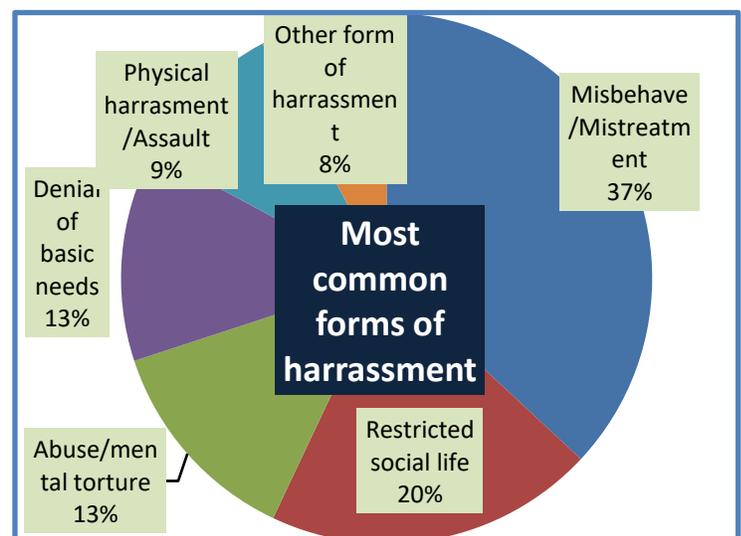
(b) Does violence, abuse and neglect particularly affect specific groups of older persons? If so, which groups and how?

- As per the study conducted by Agewell Foundation every third elderly person suffering from elder abuse stated misbehave/mistreatment as most common form of elder abuse.
- Survey suggests that every fifth elderly were affected due to restrictions in their social life by their family members or others.

Common forms of Elder Abuse in old age

- Misbehave /Mistreatment
- Restricted social life
- Abuse/mental torture
- Denial of basic needs
- Physical harassment /Assault
- Other form of harassment

Violence, abuse and neglect particularly affect older people in the age group of 71+, who are weaker physically as well as psychologically.



Ref.: Ref.: [Human Rights of Older People in India - A Reality Check](#)

3) Does your country's legislation explicitly address issues of violence, abuse and neglect against older persons? If not, what legislation applies to such issues in the context of older persons? Does this legislation sufficiently address the full range of violence against older persons?

- **In India, we have Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. In addition several other old legislations also address issues of violence, mistreatment and neglect against older persons.**

4) What legislation exists to protect older persons specifically against financial abuse, including inheritance abuse?

Presently, there are provisions of protection of older persons from financial abuse in many prevailing legislations like Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, Code of Criminal Procedure Act, 1973, Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956, Muslim Law, etc.