



SUSPECTED ELDER/DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE (SEDAA)

TRUE or FALSE

1. Elder is defined by Welfare and Institution Code, Section 15610 as any person residing in the state of California, 65 years of age or older.
2. Neglect means lack of attention, abandonment and confinement of the elderly by either the caretaker, care custodian or family member.
3. Penal Code 368 considers willful infliction of mental/physical pain or placing an elder/dependent adult's health or safety at risk as a CRIME punishable by law..
4. Any health practitioner or care custodian MUST file a report for knowledge of or reasonable suspicion of elder/dependent adult abuse.
5. SEDAA must be reported to a protective adult services agency immediately or within 24 hours.
6. Written report must follow the telephone report within 2 working days using the appropriate SEDAA form to be obtained from the Dept. of Medical Social Work, Room 4520.
7. Patient education must stress seeking medical treatment ASAP because documentation is as important as the abuse.

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