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Financial Abuse

- Do you have any concerns about your finances?
- Are you making all of your finances decisions (spending, investments)?
- Do you do your banking on-line or in-person? If in-person, are you able to get to your currently bank?
- Is anyone helping with your finances?
 - Are you comfortable with their help/making purchases?
- Have you noticed any unexpected changes in your bank account recently?
- Has anyone asked you to sign papers you did not understand?
- Has anyone coerced you into giving them money you didn't want to give?
- Are you being pressured to make quick financial decisions?
- Have you created or changed an existing power of attorney?



Emotional Abuse

- Are there times you feel lonely?
- Do you socialize with friends and/or family members?
- Do people talk to you in a way that makes you feel upset or disrespected?
- Has anyone ever given you the “silent treatment”?
- How do family members behave towards you?
- Are your opinions/choices about your care ignored, or discussed without you present?
- Is there anyone close to you that makes you feel uncomfortable?
- Is there anyone that you fear being left alone with?
- Are you afraid of family members and/or caregivers?



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Physical/Sexual Abuse

- Do you feel safe?
- Has there been a recent incident with a family member, friend and/or caregiver that is causing you concern?
- Is there anyone close to you that makes you feel uncomfortable?
- Do you feel being left alone with anyone (i.e. family members and/or caregivers)?
- Has anyone been rough with you (grabbing or pushing)?
- Do you feel safe when being helped with daily tasks (dressing, bathing, etc.)?
- Are you ever afraid because of how someone treats you or touches you?
- Have you ever been touched in any way you did not want?
- Is there someone in your life who is mistreating/harming you?
- Does anyone speak to you in a sexual nature that makes you feel uncomfortable?
- Has your partner ever made inappropriate or aggressive sexual remarks towards you?



Neglect

- Is there someone who helps you with personal needs, such as taking medicine, getting out of bed, getting dressed or making meals?
- Do you have anyone who spends time with you, takes you shopping or to the doctor?
- How do you feel about the care you are receiving?
- Are you receiving support with home cleaning?
- Do you have enough privacy at home?
- Do you trust most of the people in your family?
- Are you uncomfortable with or afraid of anyone in your life?
- Do you feel safe in your current living situation?
- Has anyone limited or taken away access to food, medical care or communicating with friends /family?
- Do you have any access to a telephone?



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