

## Nevada Elder Abuse Laws

In Nevada, elder abuse laws are set to protect senior citizens over the age of sixty; these laws are federally mandated. In 1987 the Federal Nursing Home Reform Act was put in place. This legislation states that citizens who reside in nursing homes are entitled to receive quality care to increase their physical and mental health. It also states that senior citizens who reside in nursing homes are to be in a place that's safe and protects them from abuse and neglect.

Even with these laws in place there are still cases of neglect and abuse that take place against the elderly. When such a situation arises, or if you suspect such a case, it is strongly advised that you call the offices of Jack Bernstein & Associates to seek the professional opinion of our attorneys who know and specialize in Nevada elder abuse laws and these types of cases. Our lawyers will take the time to hear all your concerns and help to inform you of all applicable laws. If we feel that your concerns indicate a likelihood of elder abuse, we can help you to take action to prevent further abuse or neglect.

Many of these forms of abuse and neglect can be physical. Some of these can simply be straight out physical abuse such as pushing or even hitting; in cases such as these it is very important to remove the abused party from the dangerous environment and seek professional help immediately. Upon contacting our elder abuse lawyers, you'll learn how to get in touch with the proper agencies and law offices.

Other forms of abuse fall more towards the area of neglect; there are many issues and medical complications that can arise in an individual if they are being neglected. In some cases the individual is unable to get out of bed due to paralysis or other medical conditions, these individuals need to be manually moved by the nursing staff in order to ward off bed sores. Bedsores can quickly become infected if not taken care of properly; these infections can spread resulting in gangrene and possible blood infections, possibly even leading to amputation.

If not properly maintained, even the resident's environment can become dangerous. There's always the chance of slipping or falling, which can easily cause bone fractures, which, if not caught immediately can cause further complications.

Aside from physical abuse there is also the chance of mental abuse. These cases may be a little harder to prove but are in no way any less important. If you believe you or a loved one is being mentally abused under the care of a nursing home please seek the guidance from our qualified lawyers. Mental abuse may not be as easy to spot as physical abuse. If the abused person is unable to verbalize their complaints it can be very hard to find out if mental abuse is happening.

One additional type of abuse is financial. There are many different methods of financial abuse, including financial abuse of elders both by family members and by scam artists. If you suspect that your loved one is being tricked or pressured into bad financial decisions, this is another reason to contact our experienced Nevada attorneys.

If any of these possibilities apply to your situation, contact us today for experienced help with your case.

