

If you are in immediate danger: Call 911

If you are 60 years or older and afraid a family member might hurt you, you are not alone: **Call 311**

311 will refer you to agencies that specialize in elder safety.

This information is provided by the NYC Elder Abuse Center (www.nyceac.com) in collaboration with the following partners:

Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging at Hunter College, The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale, JASA, Kings County District Attorney's Office, NYC Department for the Aging, NYC Human Resources Administration Adult Protective Services & Weill Cornell Medical College.

Brooklyn-specific Resources

If an older adult is harassed, menaced, threatened, or assaulted by a family member, a **Family Court Order of Protection** may be obtained. **There is no arrest when obtaining this.** JASA LEAP has a special program just for adults 60+ that guides them through this process. **JASA LEAP: 718-943-7728**

If you are concerned about an older family member, neighbor or friend, Brooklyn JASA LEAP can help. They provide legal services, assistance with obtaining benefits, support in navigating the court system and counseling to older adults living in Brooklyn. **Brooklyn JASA LEAP: 718-943-7728**

A **Mental Hygiene Warrant** may be obtained through the **Kings County Supreme Court Mental Hygiene Court**. If a mentally ill person is a danger to himself or others, you can file a petition to involuntarily bring that person to the hospital. The hospital will determine need for psychiatric evaluation and admission. **For information, call: 347-296-1757 (M-F, 9-5).**



Are you an older person residing in Brooklyn whose family member suffers from mental illness or uses drugs?

Are you sometimes afraid of this person?

Worried what might happen next?

There is hope.

There is help.

For you both.



**Elder abuse
is serious.**

Charlene:

Charlene is 73 years old, and she has been trying to get help for her 49-year old daughter, Alison, who suffers from mental illness but refuses help. Her outbursts are now frequent and loud. She pushes Charlene around when she wants money or is high.

Charlene decides she cannot take the yelling and pushing anymore. She calls an agency that provides help to the many people in similar situations.

She learns there are several routes to helping her daughter and herself.

With professional guidance, Charlene found a way forward.

You can too.

Violent behavior is unusual among people with severe and chronic mental illness, but it happens. It can even turn lethal. The following behaviors are warning signs:

- Drug and/or alcohol use
- Unexplained outbursts and mood fluctuations
- Paranoid behavior
- History of violent behavior
- Auditory and visual hallucinations
- Unexplained changes in relationships and/or social isolation
- A series of arrests or incarcerations
- Refusing to take medication
- Frequent demands for money
- A long-standing pattern of employment instability

If you are a senior living with someone who shows these behaviors, you are not alone.

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Citywide Resources:

If you are concerned about a family member, neighbor or friend, you can anonymously make a report to **Adult Protective Services (APS)**. Call **311** or **APS Central Intake**: 212-630-1853

Safe Horizon 24-hour hotline:
212-577-7777

Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale: 1-800-567-3646

Mobile Crisis Team for General Psychiatry provides short-term crisis intervention and can arrange emergency hospitalization. To make an appointment for the team to come to your home: 1-800-LIFENET (1-800-543-3638)

New York City Department for the Aging Elderly Crime Victims Program: 212-442-3103

