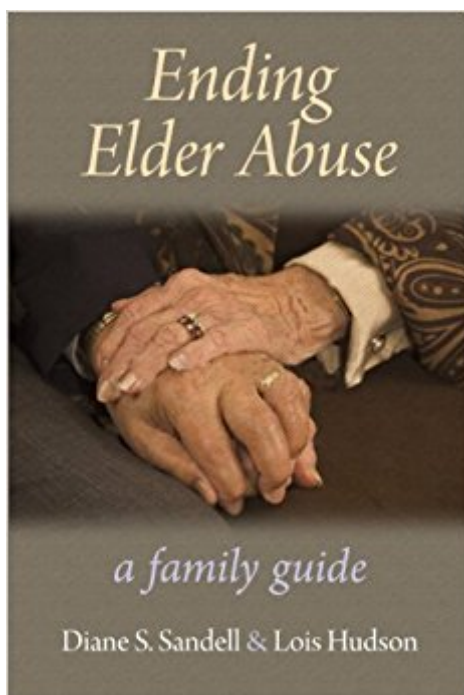


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# Ending Elder Abuse: A Family Guide



## Synopsis

Nearly 1.6 million Americans now live in nursing homes. That number will double in the next twenty years, as medical science lengthens our life expectancies and the senior population grows. Inevitably, most of us will have to supervise the care of aging parents or grandparents, and every one of us faces the prospect of growing old and possibly frail. Thirty percent of elderly Americans say they would rather die than move into a nursing home. Their fears are well founded: Inspection documents show that more than a quarter of the nursing homes in the United States have been repeatedly cited for violations that caused serious harm or death to residents. In California, fully one third caused serious injury or death, and less than 2 percent of nursing homes had no violations!

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Sandell's personal experiences inform the book's insights and solutions and thereby distinguish it. The story is truly compelling. To be able to live with the awful fact of Mother's death, she writes, I knew I had to realize something positive from it. As a chronicle of her journey and an invaluable resource to others, this book is proof that she succeeded. --ForeWord Magazine This immensely helpful volume is critically important, highly recommended reading for anyone with a loved one in assisted living or nursing home care. --The Midwest Book Review An invaluable tool for caregivers, filled with useful information that can help families prevent mistreatment of their elders. --California Seniors Magazine

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, homemaker and former businesswoman Diane S. Sandell founded

NOBLE (Network Outreach: Better Living for the Elderly) to help families cope with the challenges of placing loved ones in long-term care facilities and to help elders who have suffered institutional abuse. Her background includes twenty-five years of personal eldercare and ten years of advocacy on local, state, and nationwide levels. Ms. Sandell has won several community service awards for her tireless efforts to eradicate elder abuse. A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Lois Hudson is a certified teacher, businesswoman, and accomplished writer. A strong medical background supplements her eldercare experience, which combines fifteen years of hands-on care giving and ten years of advocacy and support through NOBLE. The mother of two grown sons, Ms. Hudson is also a proud grandmother. Currently residing in Southern California, she is passionately devoted to her writing, her community, and her church. Ms. Hudson's devotional writings have been widely published.

Ending Elder Abuse: A Family Guide is a good informative book for anyone who is thinking of finding a home for a loved one. Finding the right Nursing Home can be a very tricky process. This book does contain a lot of reference material in the back of the book to help with making this choice. The Author also explains the process she had to go through to seek justice for the damages done to her mother. She also lists some of the laws now on the books in some states. This book does talk mostly about the state of the Author's residence when it comes to these laws. I would recommend this book, but also the reader should check for sources available in the state of their residency before making their final choice of nursing home for their loved one. I received this book in LibraryThing Early Reviewer Giveaway.

Bessie Lane Jarvis had lived a full and fulfilling life. She had survived the Great Depression, bore three children, watched her son go off to war, lost a son too soon and a husband after more than 60 years of marriage. She was a survivor. That is until she was moved to a nursing home. Here she was abused and beaten by a facility employee. Her family had thought she was supposed to be safe here. Bessie's family quickly moved her to another facility after the beating but she died only six weeks later. Ending Elder Abuse tells the story of Bessie Lane Jarvis--the mother of author Diane Sandell. In the first half of the book, Sandell discusses her own personal experience with her mom's situation and tells us about her mom. The second half is more for the doctors, families and administrators. There are also chapters called "Attention" directed to various groups asking them to put themselves in the elder person's place and how the group is treating the elder. The most informative chapter, in my opinion, were the last couple chapters on evaluating and coping care

concerns. I am a caregiver for my mother and there will be a assisted living or nursing home in our future. When I had the opportunity to review this book, I was very excited thinking I was going to get some concrete assistance. Then I read the disclaimer in the book indicating "the information herein is derived from the authors' personal experience" and that it "is not the purpose of this book to reprint all the material that is.....on the subject of elder abuse prevention". With a title of Ending Elder Abuse, a family guide I think I was expecting more than just personal experience. I wanted some guidance on how to end elder abuse or at least how to avoid it. Overall, this was a sad, although interesting, book about Mrs Jarvis' situation. There were a couple of short chapters that gave me information regarding our foray into elder facilities but not enough to call it a "family guide". I would give this book a 3 out of 5 for being a guide for families.

I won this book at Librarything.com to review. This is scary and since we all will be old someday, this is a good book to read. Elder abuse is a real issue, made more so as the Baby-boomers retire. My grandmother was abused in the care center she was sent to following a stroke. You think you are doing the best thing for your love ones and then something happens to make you rethink the whole thing. What do you do? This book starts with a story of her mother, who was abused in a care facility. She outlines what happened following the abuse and what steps they took to protect her mother in the future. The author then went on to make sure that others were aware of the problems going on in care facilities for the elderly. She then outlines what you can do to protect your loved ones and to help ensure their safety. We will all face this tough decisions. What do we do when our parents are no longer capable of caring for themselves? Where so we look for the information we need to make a educated decision, and how do we go about checking out the facilities around us? This is a great resource for those who need to make these tough decisions. Someday we all will be at the mercy of those who care for us. The decision to move into a care facility cannot be taken lightly. This book will assist you in knowing where to look, who to talk with, and what questions to ask.

Most of us will eventually be responsible for moving an elderly relative into a nursing home or ourselves become a patient in a nursing home. These are wrenching decisions and enormous lifestyle changes, yet how much do any of us know about nursing homes? Thankfully there is now a source of information as well as guidance on where to find information about this vital topic. Inspired by her mother's death which was hastened by a brutal beating in a nursing home, Diane Sandell has compiled a much-needed guide to nursing homes and nursing home care. This thorough guide

offers advice on caring for the elderly in your home, how to make the decision to move to a nursing home, what to look for and what questions to ask when looking for a nursing home and most importantly, how to monitor the care that patients receive, how to advocate for them if their needs are not being met and what to do if you suspect that your elderly loved one is being abused. Just that information alone is invaluable, but Ms. Sandell doesn't stop there. She offers guidance on how you can form a task force to work with your legislator(s) to pass laws regulating nursing homes and enforcing existing regulations. Ms. Sandell writes in an engaging style, rendering complex situations and laws understandable to anyone going through these difficult circumstances. Most importantly, she stresses that you are not alone. Many people are going through the same thing or have gone through it in the past. She points out the importance of caring for the caregivers, of reaching out to others for help or just a shoulder to lean on. This is an invaluable guide to a stage of life that all us will be facing, either ourselves or our loved ones.

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