

### Neglect

**Neglect occurs when someone has the responsibility to provide care or assistance for you but does not.**

Neglect includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Failing to meet the needs of a person who is unable to meet those needs alone
- Abandonment in a public setting
- Not remaining with a person who needs help

#### Physical neglect

- Disregarding necessities of daily living, including failing to provide adequate or necessary:
  - Nutrition or fluids
  - Shelter
  - Clean clothes and linens
  - Social companionship
  - Failing to turn a bed-ridden person frequently to prevent stiffness and bed-sores

#### Medical neglect

- Ignoring special dietary requirements
- Not providing needed medications
- Not calling a physician; not reporting or taking action on a medical condition, injury or problem
- Not being aware of the possible negative effects of medications