

# THE UNHEARD VOICE

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

## ASK THE QUESTIONS.

Health care providers play a critical role in identifying violence against women with disabilities.  
Look for signs and routinely ask questions privately and confidentially.

Has anyone...

- that you depend on refused to help you with personal needs such as taking medicine, getting out of bed or to the bathroom, bathing or getting food or drink?
- hit, slapped, kicked, pushed, or physically hurt you?
- forced you to have sexual activities?
- prevented you from using a wheelchair, cane, respirator, or other assistive device?
- threatened, intimidated, coerced or manipulated you to do things you did not wish to do?
- humiliated, overly criticized or bullied you?
- done or said anything to make you fearful?



Women with physical, mental or cognitive disabilities are abused an estimated 3 to 10 times more often than their non-disabled peers – and far less likely to report the abuse since their abusers may be the very people they rely on for assistance.

**SCREEN FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES...  
AND HELP TO END IT.**

NJ Division on Women hotline

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