

GUIDEBOOK FOR PROFESSIONALS IN THE IDENTIFICATION AND SIGNALING OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ELDERLY IN THE FAMILY CONTEXT

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GUIDEBOOK STRUCTURE

The chapters were subject to a rigorous peer-review process and based on scientific and empirical evidences on violence against the elderly.

This guidebook does not intended to be an exhaustive review of domestic violence against the elderly in the family context, but a tool for a quick consultation and an easy-to-read style, in a language transversal for all professionals.

Through the lecture of this guidebook, readers are invited to reflect about the specifics of their life contexts in order to improve identification and signaling violence against the elderly in the family context.

The guidebook is composed of eleven chapters that can support professional practices:

- 1 → The elderly: from solitary to solidarity.
- 2 → Questioning the concept of violence.
- 3 → Categories of violence.
- 4 → Theoretical framework.
- 5 → Protection factors and risk factors.
- 6 → Prevention of violence.
- 7 → Legal framework.
- 8 → Signaling violence.
- 9 → Barriers to screening for violence.
- 10 → Intervention with elderly victims.
- 11 → General recommendations.

OBJECTIVES

Although this guidebook emerges from the local needs of the district of Bragança, in the northern and interior region of Portugal, it can also help other professionals in developing skills essential for the protection of older people.

In doing so, this guidebook aims to:

- 1 → allow greater articulation of the networking involved in elderly prevention;
- 2 → contribute to a self-reflection towards a better development of professional knowledge and skills for the identification and signaling of elderly victims of domestic violence;
- 3 → reaffirm the visibility of domestic violence against the elderly in the family context.

