

## DEMENTIA

A group of thinking & social symptoms that interferes with daily functions. Ex feeding, dressing, walking. There is no cure for dementia. Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia. It requires a medical diagnosis.

### SYMPTOMS:

Agitation  
Depression  
Apathy - lack of interest  
Repetitiveness  
Questioning  
Psychosis  
Sleep disturbance  
Wandering  
Variety inappropriate behaviors

### FOUR TYPES OF DEMENTIA:

1. Alzheimer's - most common
2. Lewy Body Dementia (abnormal deposit of protein in brain)
3. Vascular Dementia (Caused by damage to vessels to blood flow to brain)
4. Frontal Temporal Dementia (When nerve cells in frontal lobe of brain are lost)

<https://youtu.be/nLdLfmFzLS0>

## CODE OF ETHICS

### May NOT:

1. Use client vehicle for personal reasons.
2. Consume client's food or drink.
3. Use client's phone for personal reasons.
4. Discuss personal problems/religious/or political beliefs.
5. Lend money or borrow money.
6. Purchase or sell gifts, food or other items.
7. Bring children, friends, relative, pets in home.
8. Consume alcoholic beverages or other illegal substances prior to delivery or within the home.
9. Sleep in client's home.
10. Remain on the premises after services has been rendered.
11. Transport client in employee's personal vehicle.
12. Show up at a client's home on weekends off duty.
13. Smoke in client's home.
14. Alter service time without proper authorization.

## ABUSE & NEGLECT

*Neglect* occurs when a CG does not try to respond to the older adult's needs; maybe physical, emotional, or social needs withholding food, meals or excess healthcare.

*Abandonment* is leaving an older adult who needs help alone without planning for their care.

Dementia - Causes, Symptoms and Treatment Options video ----->