

# CDC: Violence against seniors on rise, especially among men

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write. "Emergency departments might be promising settings to identify older adults at risk for violence and treat and support those already affected."

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(HealthDay)—There has been an increase in the rates of violence among older adults, especially among older men, according to research published in the April 5 issue of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

J.E. Logan, Ph.D., from the CDC in Atlanta, and colleagues analyzed rates of nonfatal assaults and homicides against [older adults](#) (≥60 years) during 2002 to 2016 using data from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System-All Injury Program and the National Vital Statistics System.

The researchers observed a 75.4 percent increase in the nonfatal assault rate during the 15-year period among men (from 77.7 to 136.3 per 100,000) and a 35.4 percent increase from 2007 to 2016 among women (from 43.8 to 59.3 per 100,000). The [homicide rate](#) increased by 7.1 percent among men from 2010 to 2016; among men aged 60 to 69 years, there was a 19.3 percent increase from 2013 to 2016.

"Violence against older adults is an emerging and underreported public health problem," the authors

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