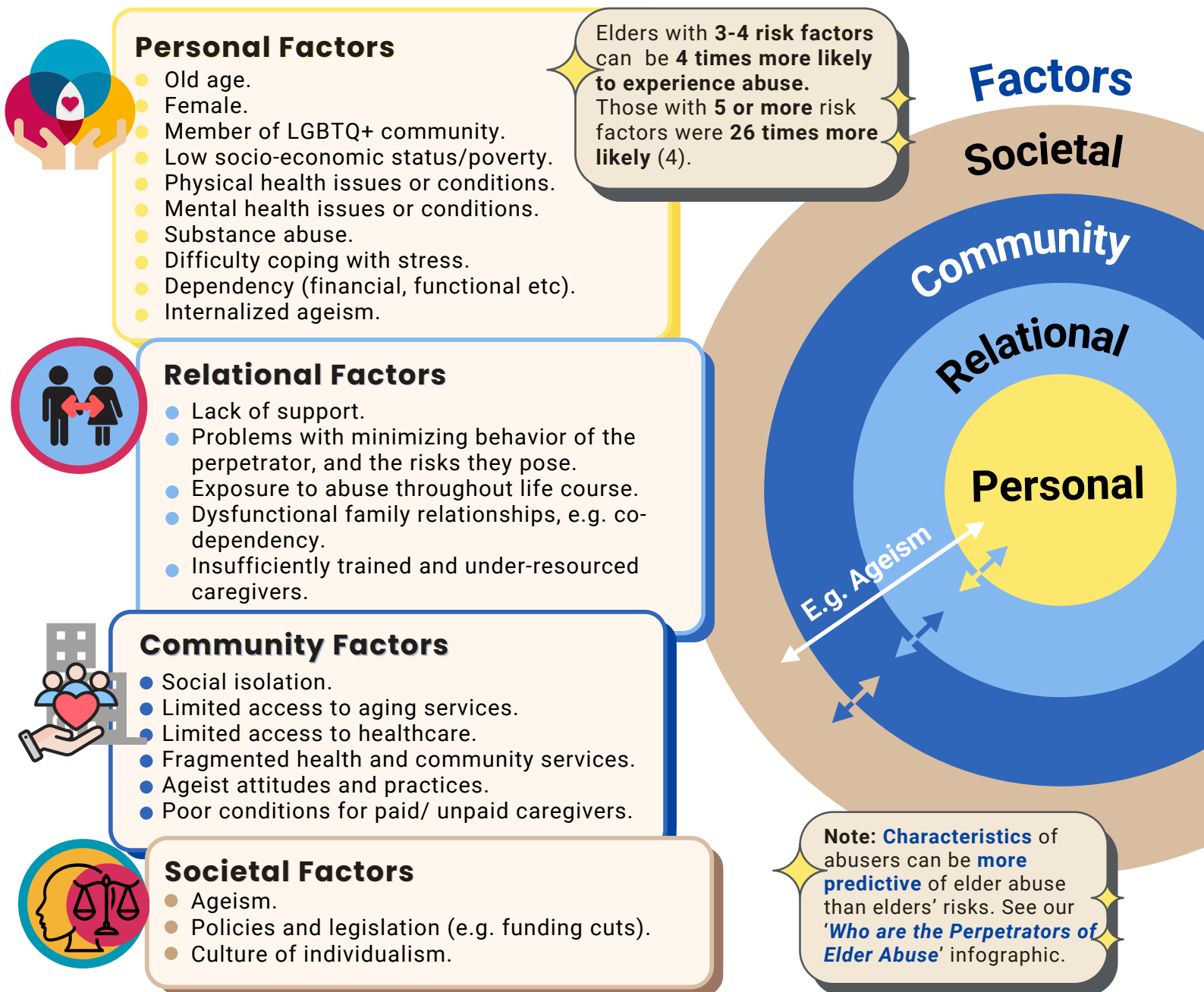


Risks of Elder Abuse

1 in 6 people aged 60 years and older experience **elder abuse** (1). And it's likely that **only 1 in 24 cases become known** to authorities (2).

Elder abuse **can occur to any elder** but, there are circumstances, or factors, that increase an elder's risk of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. These factors often interact, and range from the level of the individual, their relationships, to the wider community, and broader societal factors.

Ageism for instance, affects all levels of society. **Ageist culture influences policies and practices**, which affect capacity of **community services**, and impacts **social connections**. People with ageist views are more inclined **dehumanize older adults**. This **can lead to elder abuse**, or to **overlooking elder abuse**. When elders internalize these views, they **might not seek the support they need** (3).



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