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**Introduction:** This work presents the innovations brought by the Elderly Statute regarding the prevention of violence and abuse, since statistics show that people closer to the elderly, such as children and friends, are the main aggressors. Law No. 20.741, of October 1, 2003, Art. 1, institutes the Statute of the Elderly, regulating the rights of people aged over 60 (sixty) years old<sup>1</sup>.

**Objective:** Know the legislation on the rights of the elderly and the role of nurses in this context.

**Methodology:** A documentary analysis of the Statute of the Elderly was carried out, in addition to descriptive research of scientific articles indexed in the bases of the Portal of the Virtual Health Library (VHL) on the theme: elderly and violence.

**Results:** Unfortunately, the literature shows several cases of abuse and violence against the elderly. The Elderly Statute ensures that this citizen must enjoy all fundamental rights inherent to the human person, in addition to full protection, also guaranteed by law and facilities for the preservation of their physical and mental health, their moral, intellectual, spiritual, and social improvement, in conditions of freedom and dignity<sup>1,2</sup>.

**Discussion:** Obligation of citizens to ensure the elderly, as a matter of priority, the realization of the right to life, health, food, education, culture, sport, leisure, work, citizenship, freedom, dignity and respect and family and community coexistence. The nurse, the professional responsible for the reception and planning of care, needs to recognize the fundamental rights of the elderly person, detecting and acting in situations that threaten their physical or mental integrity; in addition to guiding and assisting the family and team in their care<sup>1,2</sup>.

**Final Considerations:** We recognize that the rights and difficulties experienced by the elderly help in understanding the biopsychosocial needs and contribute to the preservation of physical, mental and social integrity, providing a safe, welcoming environment, avoiding or minimizing suffering.

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