

Siobhan, I think these are really good for those people who are not just with dementia but people with other conditions that may make them lash out. Some people may have hepatitis or HIV alongside something like dementia. I have myself been bitten a few years ago. The client didn't have dementia but an aggressive brain tumour. They had been the kindest gentlest person before the illness. We still want to be able to give safe, hands on care without the risk of injury to ourselves or the client if we had to move away quickly.

Jennifer, My mom suffered from dementia and I work with sufferers of this disease. They are not as weak and frail as you think. I've been screeched till I've bled and bit so hard I have teeth prints in my skin for days. This could really be helpful for us in the health care field.

Stefanie, Gone are the days caregivers should just accept being assaulted. This is a great product.

Mandy, I watched my mum pass away and dementia was the cause, I was lucky she wasn't aggressive but if she had been I'd rather any one who cared for her had been protective as much as possible from harm, it's a simple arm band, we wear PPE around people we look after, we wear special uniform, we use special equipment and guess all these arm bands are designed to protect so yes acceptable, in an ideal world no one would have dementia and no one would have need these but sadly it's not an ideal world.

Sharona, I'd love to order a pair!!! My dad gets very aggressive at times and his caregiver has gotten scratched and almost bitten numerous times. I think it's a great idea and I don't mind it a bit!!!!

Tony, Having worked and managed in social care for many years, this is a great product and would have prevented many injuries to care staff looking after young people with special needs. It's a sad that these things are necessary. However, we all have a duty to keep ourselves and colleagues safe as much as we can.

Lynne, I have worked with 90 year old little ladies, bedridden, but who will fight like wildcats when being given personal care, they cannot help it it is the illness, we carers cannot get anywhere near to be able to cut and clean their nails and anyone can just imagine what is underneath them. It sometimes poses a real health hazard. These are a fab idea to be used at the correct place.

Jennifer, I wish we had these where I work.

Dee, I am you don't like them I was a carer also I had a really nasty bite and had to have a course of antibiotics and tetanus injections I know the man didn't mean it he was lovely but his anger was really fierce they don't look wonderful but if I had something like that I would not still have the scare 30 years on.

Rob, so, how about carers who are haemophilia? This could be of benefit, not to be dismissed as you don't like the idea.

Dianne, they're not always older people, young people get dementia as well, when people are poorly they don't know their own strength. I have dementia and I act out of character. I also don't know what I'm doing a lot of the time. I and none of my family would be hurt if a carer put these on. I don't have carers yet but I suppose the time will come. If everyone was just these sweet people, there wouldn't be a problem but there's a lot who do have behavioural problems.

Sally, I wish they had been available when my mum was alive, in her later stages of alzheimers she would bite and scratch unprovoked and had she realised the damage she caused the carers she would have been devastated. Used carefully they could have saved many a nasty bites. She truly didn't know what she was doing and no amount of therapy was ever going to stop her.

Ali, OMG caron and the others that have been so vilely insulted on here. I have worked in care for almost 20 years and the police service for 25 years during/prior so I have more than enough experience in working with people who are unable to control violent outbursts in one way or another. I completely agree with some of the posts on here, in the majority of situations with the right approach and diversionary tactics violence can be....

Linda, great idea with working with dementia and Alzheimer's for 12 years us carers have always moaned about are protection and I find this to be a decent way for all no more scars 😊

Danyle-jay, I'm a previous care manager and now a disabled person with very bad memory and very bad confusion. I don't know what happens a lot of the time. If my care team decided this needed for their own safety either around me or an ex service user I would in no way refuse that. Don't get me wrong I've been battered black and blue when I was in care and always took it on the chin but I can see the advantages and if someone needs these to feel protected around a service user I would rather them use them than want to leave or refuse to attend. I think your being very closed minded and thinking of the one situation. Handled correctly I doubt many people would mind if there is a genuine cause for them. And as caron has said she is being impaired Cal this post is saying you must use these, she is merely demonstrating a new product at a convention for professionals in the industry.

Lynne, what have you to be sorry about love? Allison has taken this out of all context .. just what dose she take us for .. they would only ever be used in known sparks of situations under strict best of interest for the client regulations, yes some do scratch and bite and can cause awful injuries during procedures like simply washed or cleaning them after an incontinence. Do people not understand .. that if a carer get injured we have no rights of redress only 72.00 per week SSP. And it happens many times. I don't think that Alison has a clue about the procedure and rules that would have to be put in place even before using these and to suggest carers would walk around with them all day shows her complete ignorance.

Mandy, we will all have different opinions on this but to slate care assistants who have had enough 'job' caring for loved ones or working in a care setting for wanting more protection and belittling them makes me cringe, I remember folks moaning when seatbelts become compulsory x.

Lynne, OMG .. I thought of that idea years ago, and did nothing.. there is no denying they would be useful in some case scenarios, as nothing worn below the elbow, we are very vulnerable. I have to be extremely careful with one arm as I have had lymph node removal, even a scratch from a plant could cause problems.

Lynne, she has taken this totally out of context, a caregiver would only use these when knowing there was high risk of being injured, most likely when giving personal care to people who lack mental capacity. Just what the hell.. Suggested that carers would walk around with them all the time.. police dog training armbands?? I think she's care burnout and should be the one to think about another job.

Caron, I am a tough girl now! Won't be bullied or chastised. I am proud of what I do. When I gave my presentation to the research academics a few weeks ago I said to them my blog is my safe place as fb is often an 'interesting' platform for open debate!xx thanks you.

Linda, physical abuse is life in care settings unfortunately. Through no fault of the residents but of the terrible diseases that's is dementia and other diseases. Staff no longer accept bites and scratches and kicks and spitting and assaults as part of the job. Thank goodness. Any realistic people familiar

with the occurrences of violence would be grateful for the protection of carers. If you offended. Don't look simple.

Nikki, Alison Donnelly this isn't making you look good we all have issues outside of work and we all work differently iv worked with very aggressive clients not all with dementia but also learning disabilities some of whom were in institutions then put into the community with not a lot of paper work with them some of witch could have had hep c or worse my own family and health comes first x

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Julie, I have been a professional carer for many with dementia as a nurse and social workers as well as supporting my parents with the disease. I now have the condition myself and would not feel degraded or offended if my carers use protection they need. It would be awful to me to think I might cause harm to any of my future carers, and we none of us know how the condition will affect our behaviour one day.

Lesley, this for use the elderly too could be useful. My grandmother in law had very thin skin and was sitting on mils leather sofa, her arm stuck to the arm of the sofa when she dosed off, she slipped and the skin on her arm just split all the way down.

Stefanie, Actually. as a caregiver and daughter of a person with Alzheimer's this is a great idea. We need to protect

Nikki, what a good idea I have two scars on my arms from bites xx

Nikki, some dementia patients are worse than others Alison Donnelly I have been attacked by two clients with this horrible illness I know its not the client but the illness I would welcome these arm guards and iv done 20 year sin care and I'm still there x

Linda, Angela Jones this could have saved me being scared for life by seven year old..

Allison, I worked with young people with dementia, I'm sorry to hear you have this cruel illness. I feel for you. I'm not attacking caron but me and many carers feel this demoralizing to residents.

Eileen, often those diagnosed with young onset are physically very fit and strong. As they lose their speech, but are still aware of their illness and what will happen, they often become very aggressive. I know this from experience. In care facilities they need 2 people to administer personally cares. To all who condemn this, so please open your mind to those who path is different to your experience.

Stefanie, Actually.. as a caregiver and daughter of a person with Alzheimer's this is a great idea. We need to protect ourselves as caregivers. Are we supposed to just be bitten or scratched? Gimmie a break.

Debie, I agree as well, my mum in law can be physically as well as verbally abusive, and I can a very sensible and practical use this arm guard! It could also be used to protect the elder from bruising as they often mark easily wi1th such delicate skin.. so a two way option of use. Think yourself lucky that your mother isn't violent!

Rosanne, iv also worked with dementia suffers and they are not all frail and weak and many go through an aggressive phase. Its not being weak or offensive to protect carers from injury. Thanks for the info caron.