## STOP ELDER ABUSE

# SAFEGUARD THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PEOPLE

Elder abuse is an act that causes harm to an older person, carried out by someone known and trusted.



1 in 20 Australians experience some form of abuse from a person they know and trust

### IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

50% of cases are financial abuse

75% of cases are emotional abuse

80% of abuse is by a family member

of victims live in the family home

19% of cases involve Dementia



### **NEGLECT**

Failure to provide life necessities, such as food, shelter, clothing, medical or dental care.



### SOCIAL

Forced isolation of older people. Includes restricting or stopping social contact with others.



### **EMOTIONAL**

Language or actions that intimidate, cause fear of violence, isolation, or feelings of powerlessness.

### ELDER ABUSE CAN BE



### **PHYSICAL**

Non-accidental actions resulting in physical pain or injury.



### **FINANCIAL**

Illegal or improper use of a person's money or assets.



### **CHEMICAL**

Misuse of drugs, alcohol, medications and prescriptions.



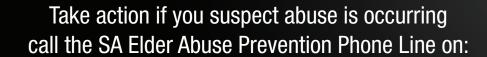
### **SEXUAL**

Non-consensual sexual contact, language or exploitative behaviour.



Recognise the signs and help put an end to Elder Abuse. Visit the website for more information:

www.sahealth.sa.gov/stopelderabuse



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