

# 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

**65%** 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

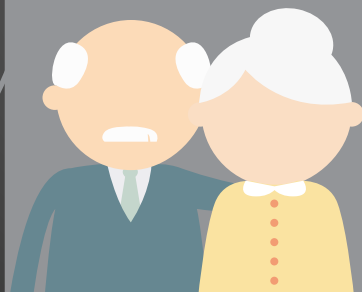
Forced isolation of older people. Includes restricting or stopping social contact with others.



### 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](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov/stopelderabuse)

Take action if you suspect abuse is occurring  
call the SA Elder Abuse Prevention Phone Line on:

**1800 372 310**



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