

# SAFEGUARD THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PEOPLE



## NEGLECT

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



## SOCIAL

Forced isolation of a person. 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.



**1 in 6 Australians**  
said they experienced  
abuse or mistreatment  
in 2019-20.\*

**How do you  
treat the  
older people  
in your life?**

If you suspect you or someone  
you know is at risk of  
mistreatment or abuse, call the  
Adult Safeguarding Unit

**1800 372 310**

You can have a confidential  
conversation with trained staff  
who provide free advice and  
support or can take a report.

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

\*National Elder Abuse Prevalence Study 2021

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