

# What is Elder Abuse?

*"Any single or repeated act, occurring within a relationship of trust, which results in harm to an older person."*

World Health Organisation 2020

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| Financial     | Stealing or forcing an older person to hand over money or assets                       |
| Psychological | Limiting the older persons choices, bullying or cohesive behaviour, threatening        |
| Physical      | Physical assault, slapping, punching, pushing, restraining                             |
| Social        | Isolating, preventing contact with family and friends, restricting cultural engagement |
| Sexual        | Sexual assault, non-consensual sexual contact, exposure to explicit sexual material    |
| Neglect       | Not providing or refusing appropriate food, shelter, clothing, health or personal care |

## If you are experiencing elder abuse and in immediate danger call 000

### Seniors Rights Victoria

If you are experiencing elder abuse, or concerned about someone, call the Seniors Rights Victoria confidential helpline **1300 368 821**

Scan the QR code or  
visit [seniorsrights.org.au](https://seniorsrights.org.au)



### The Orange Door

The Orange Door provides responses to family violence including elder abuse. Call 1800 219 819 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm)

### Allied Justice

Allied Justice (formerly Ballarat & Grampians Community Legal Service) provides free legal information, referrals and advice.  
Call (03) 5331 5999 or 1800 466 488



Learn more about elder abuse prevention  
[bchc.org.au/service/elder-abuse-prevention](https://bchc.org.au/service/elder-abuse-prevention)  
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