

# PROTECT YOUR ELDERS

Elders experience abuse or mistreatment.

It's estimated that by 2026 the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 55 and over will more than double.\*

So we have *twice* the responsibility to keep Elders safe and well.

Community needs to work together to protect Elders.

\* From 59,400 in 2011 to 130,800 in 2026 – Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2017.

# RESPECT CONNECT

## BE THEIR VOICE

If you see or know of any Elders being mistreated, use your voice and say something.

Yarn with your local Aboriginal Health Service

Call 1800 372 310 for free confidential advice

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

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# RESPECT CONNECT

## KEEP ELDERS SAFE



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# ABUSE IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Everyone needs to respect Elders as they are the custodians of culture.



They have the right to a good life and to be free from trouble.



Look after your Elders and make sure they have shelter and proper care.



Yarn with them often to ensure they feel and are safe.



# ELDERS NEED SUPPORT

Taking money from Elders is not culture, it's 'shame job'.



They need their money to buy food and pay bills.



If you know anyone who is doing this, there are ways you can help stop the mistreatment.

# ELDERS ARE THE TEACHERS OF CULTURE

Elders provide support and knowledge to younger Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



Elders are respected for their stories, art, song and language. They deserve respect.



Connect with your Elders and learn about your history, family and culture so that you can teach others. Help keep culture strong for your generation and future generations.

