

# South Australian Adult Safeguarding Unit

A place anyone can discuss concerns of abuse or neglect of adults who may be vulnerable to abuse.

**1800 372 310**



## I have concerns

If you suspect you or someone you know is at risk of or is being abused, you can call the **Adult Safeguarding Unit (the Unit)** on **1800 372 310**, Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm for information, support or to make a report.

For more information visit **[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/adultsafeguardingunit](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/adultsafeguardingunit)**.

Anyone can call the Unit and you can remain anonymous if you wish.

Contact **Translating & Interpreter Services (TIS)** on **131 450** if you require an interpreter to speak with the Unit.

The Adult Safeguarding Unit is not an emergency/crisis service. Dial 000 for emergencies.

## Are you worried about....?

- ❗ Not feeling safe to express what you want
- ❗ Feeling cut-off from other people
- ❗ Your money being taken without your permission
- ❗ Being forced to sign legal documents
- ❗ Someone making you feel afraid, unsafe, or physically hurting you
- ❗ Someone's behaviour making you feel upset, frightened or worthless.



## About the ASU

The Adult Safeguarding Unit (the Unit) has a strong focus on safeguarding the rights of adults at risk of abuse.

Key functions of the Unit include:

- > providing confidential information and advice to callers concerned about themselves or someone who may be vulnerable to abuse
- > providing support to safeguard the rights of adults experiencing abuse, tailored to their needs, wishes and circumstances
- > raising community awareness of strategies to safeguard the rights of adults who may be at risk of abuse.

## What does abuse look like?

The behaviours and signs of abuse can include, but are not limited to:



**Physical abuse:** being hit or injured on purpose, restraining someone inappropriately



**Emotional abuse:** threats, humiliation, verbal or psychological abuse



**Sexual abuse:** sexual activity which is unwanted or not understood



**Financial abuse:** the theft or misuse of money, pressure in relation to legal documents including wills, property or inheritance



**Neglect:** not providing food, clothing, attention or care.

