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

ELDER ABUSE CAN BE

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.

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

Take action if you suspect abuse is occurring call the SA Elder Abuse Prevention Phone Line on: 1800 372 310