

If you have concerns

If you suspect you or someone you know is being abused or mistreated, you can contact the Adult Safeguarding Unit:

- > Call **1800 372 310**
- > Email adultsafeguardingunit@sa.gov.au
- > Complete the online report form on our website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/adultsafeguardingunit

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

If you need help reaching us, please contact:

Translating & Interpreter Services on 131 450 if you require an interpreter

National Relay Service if you are unable to hear or speak. You can visit their website www.relayservice.gov.au

Aboriginal Language Interpreting Service on 1800 280 203 if you require assistance from an Aboriginal language speaker in South Australia
www.translate.sa.gov.au/ALIS



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South Australian Adult Safeguarding Unit



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We are a dedicated service across South Australia that can respond to concerns about adults who may be vulnerable and experiencing abuse or mistreatment.

About the Adult Safeguarding Unit

The Adult Safeguarding Unit (the Unit) responds to concerns about adults who may be vulnerable and experiencing abuse or mistreatment.

An adult may be vulnerable due to age, disability, ill health, social isolation, dependence on others or other disadvantage.

If you have questions or concerns about the actual or suspected abuse of an adult who may be vulnerable, contact us for free and confidential advice, information and support. You may choose to remain anonymous.

The Unit places a strong focus on safeguarding the rights of adults vulnerable to abuse, tailored to their needs, wishes and circumstances.

For more information, please visit:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/adultsafeguardingunit.com

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?



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: intimidation, threats, humiliation, extortion, racial, 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.