

THE UNITED NATIONS HAS DECLARED THAT OLDER PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

Dignity • Participation • Care
Self-fulfillment • Independence

Unfortunately, up to **10%** of older people experience abuse. But only **1 in 14** of these cases comes to the attention of an agency that can give assistance to stop the abuse.

We work with older people, their families and carers, so that older people can receive the information, support and advocacy they need to be happy, healthy and safe.

75% More than three quarters of alleged abusers are family members

50% More than half of the alleged abusers are adult children or grandchildren

50 / 50 Alleged abusers are as likely to be female as male



ABUSE CAN HAPPEN TO ANY OLDER PERSON

If you or someone you know is experiencing elder abuse, contact our free confidential service.

Contact details for all Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services can be found at:

ageconcern.org.nz

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ELDER ABUSE HITS CLOSE TO HOME

ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION
AND SUPPORT



Mum's Pin number
6429



IF YOU ARE BEING ABUSED, OR KNOW OF AN OLDER PERSON WHO YOU THINK IS BEING ABUSED, CONTACT YOUR NEAREST ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION SERVICE

Contact details for all service providers and more information about elder abuse and neglect can be found at: www.ageconcern.org.nz

We offer a free and confidential service for older people who are being abused or who are at risk of abuse.

We also offer education about abuse for age care workers and other interested groups.

WHAT DOES ABUSE LOOK LIKE?

PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE:

Using threats, bullying, ridicule or humiliation to cause distress or fear.

FINANCIAL/MATERIAL ABUSE:

Using someone's money, property or other resources without authority, including scams.

PHYSICAL ABUSE:

Causing pain, injury or impairment through non-accidental injury or use of force, including the use of inappropriate restraints, confinement or medication.

NEGLECT:

Failing to provide assistance needed for physical, emotional or social wellbeing.

SELF-NEGLECT:

Causing harm to one's physical, emotional or social wellbeing by failing to care for oneself.

SEXUAL ABUSE:

Any non-consensual sexual acts or exploitive behaviours, including threats.

Several types of abuse may occur together.

WHAT DOES RESPECT LOOK LIKE?

- Feeling valued
- Having choices
- Being listened to
- Making decisions about matters that concern me
- Being included in conversations and social events
- Using my money how I wish
- Having physical, emotional and social needs met
- Valuing spiritual and cultural wellbeing
- Receiving care and support as needed
- Living with dignity

OLDER PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Live in safety
- Be treated with dignity and respect
- Make their own decisions, even if they seem wrong to others

