

For further information and for independent advice, contact:

**Seniors Rights Victoria –
1300 368 821**

Available from 10.00am to 5.00pm
Monday to Friday.

For more information on
Seniors Rights Victoria, visit
www.seniorsrights.org.au

**Men's Referral Service –
1300 766 491**

Available from 8.00am to 9.00pm
Monday to Friday, and from 9.00am
to 5.00pm Saturday to Sunday.

For more information on
Men's Referral Service, visit
www.ntv.org.au

1800 RESPECT – 1800 737 732

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For more information on
1800 RESPECT, visit
www.1800respect.org.au

**If you are concerned for your
immediate safety or that of someone
else, please contact the police in your
state or territory or call Triple Zero
(000) for emergency services.**

For more information, please visit
www.respectvictoria.vic.gov.au



**What is
elder
abuse?**



Elder abuse is a form of family violence and it is unacceptable.

Elder abuse is any act occurring within a relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which results in harm to an older person. Elder abuse may be physical, sexual, financial, psychological, social and/or neglect.

Forms of elder abuse

Family violence against older people can take many forms. It is not uncommon for older people to experience multiple forms of elder abuse at one time.

Some common forms of elder abuse may include:

- › Financial abuse
- › Emotional (or psychological) abuse
- › Neglect
- › Physical abuse
- › Social abuse
- › Sexual abuse.

What to do if you suspect elder abuse is occurring or you are experiencing elder abuse

If you are unsure about asking for help, remember everyone has the right to be safe. No older person should be subjected to any form of abuse, mistreatment or neglect. Elder abuse is a form of family violence, and it is unacceptable.

If you or someone you know is experiencing any form of elder abuse, you can discuss these concerns with a trusted family member, GP or physician.