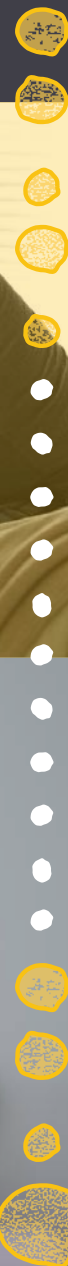




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What is Elder Abuse





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About this book



GOVERNMENT OF
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Department of
Communities

The Department of Communities wrote this factsheet.

When you see the word 'we' it means the people who work at Communities.



We wrote it in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain things.



You can get someone to help you:

- read this factsheet
- know what this book is about



You can ask for more information.

What is Elder Abuse



Elder Abuse causes harm, sadness and worry to an older person.

It can be by someone the older person trusts.

It can be by a family member or a friend.



1. Elder Abuse is someone spending your money or using your house without you agreeing



2. Elder Abuse is someone threatening you or trying to control you



3. Elder Abuse is someone not caring for you by not giving you food or your medicine or not letting you go to the doctor

What is Elder Abuse



4. Elder Abuse is social abuse, someone not letting you see your family and friends



5. Elder Abuse is physical abuse, someone hurting and hitting you



6. Elder Abuse is also sexual abuse, someone forcing an older person to do sexual acts when they do not want to



Often older people will feel scared and helpless.

What is Elder Abuse



Sometimes older people do not want to ask for help.

They do not want their loved one to get into trouble.



1 in 6 older people in Western Australia will be abused. Many people do not ask for help.



Everyone should feel safe and not be hurt.



You are not alone, ask for help.

How to get help



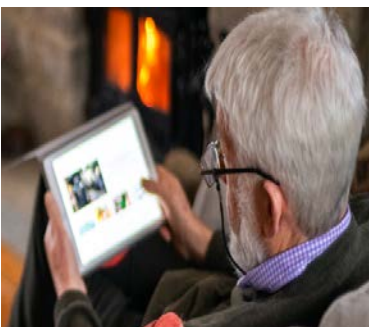
You can call 1300 724 679 for help.



Ask your questions to the Elder Abuse Helpline workers.



Elder Abuse Helpline workers can give you the phone numbers to more places that can help you.



Help is on this website [Elder abuse support services and resources](http://www.wa.gov.au) (www.wa.gov.au)

Contact Us



You can email us at:

ElderAbuse@communities.wa.gov.au



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