

Rights Respect Trust

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Elder abuse prevention



Before making decisions that could affect your future wellbeing, such as selling your home to move in with relatives or going guarantor on a loan for a family member, it is important to seek information or help, even when those decisions involve your family.

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If you feel under pressure from family and people close to you to make decisions against your will, you could be experiencing 'elder abuse'.

Elder abuse is a term used to describe an act that harms an older person that is carried out by someone they know and should be able to trust such as a son, daughter or grandchild.

Seniors Rights Victoria is a free, government funded confidential service for information, support and referral for older people. You are welcome to call Seniors Rights Victoria's qualified and experienced staff, Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 5.00pm on 1300 368 821 or visit <www.seniorsrights.org.au>.

For more information on issues concerning the rights of older people including elder abuse visit <www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au>.

Information on the Victorian government's elder abuse prevention and response initiatives is available at: <www.health.vic.gov.au/agedcare/policy/elder_abuse.htm>.

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