



**Seniors
Rights**
Victoria

Elder Abuse Risks and Prevention Assistance and Support

- Not legal advice
- Presenter is not a lawyer
- If you need specific or more information contact the help line
1300 368 821



Elder Abuse

Elder abuse is several forms of mistreatment of an older person that is committed by someone with whom the older person has a **relationship of trust** such as a partner, family member, friend or carer.

mistreatment

neglect

insults

intimidation

assault

verbal abuse

maltreatment

cruelty

exploitation

extortion

molestation

domestic violence

ripping off

manipulation

fraud

trickery

theft

Types Of Mistreatment And Abuse

- **Financial**

- Illegal or improper use of moneys, assets or property

- **Psychological or Emotional**

- Occurs when a person suffers mental distress as a result of another person's actions

- **Sexual Abuse**

- Any form of sexual behaviour or intimacy that is perpetrated without a person's consent

• **Neglect**

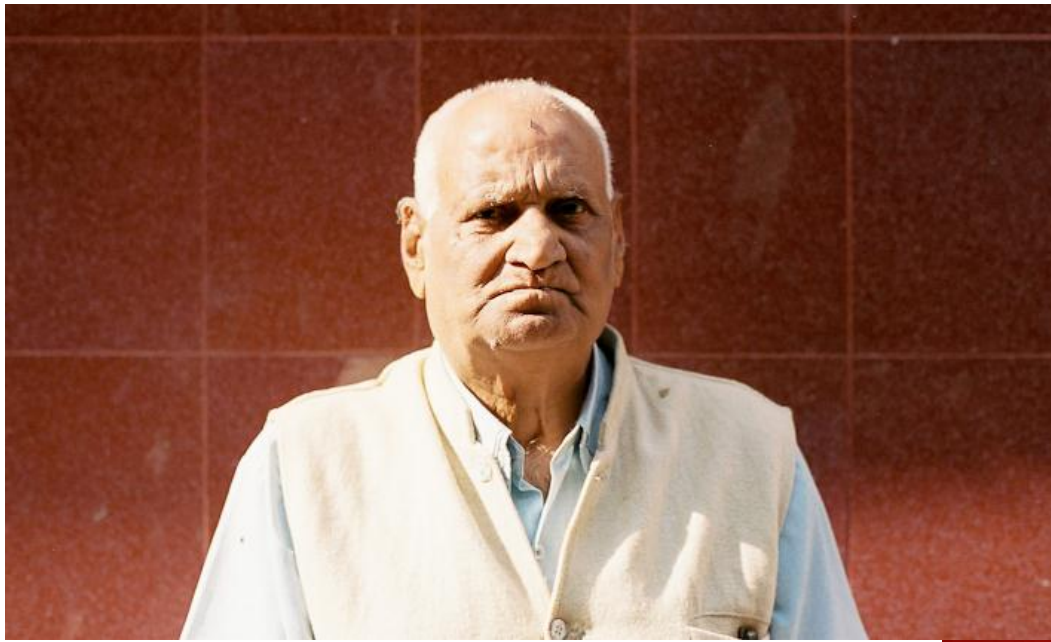
- Depriving a person of the necessities of life, such as food, accommodation ...etc.

• **Physical**

- Any action that may cause an older person physical hurt, pain, or injury

• **Social**

- Forced isolation and/or restricting or stopping contact with others



Rashid's Story



- **What main types of abuse are happening here?**
- **How do you think Rashid will feel about the abuse?**
- **How does Pushpa respond to her father's request?**
- **Do you think similar abuse to this happens in the community?**
- **What would be respectful for Rashid in this family situation?**
- **What would you do if a close friend or family member told you this was happening to him?**

Why People Don't Talk About Abuse?

- Fear of punishment
- Abandonment or rejection
- Family loyalties or codes
- Shame or guilt
- No-one listens or not believed
- Unaware of options

What are the risks?

- Dependency
- Alcohol and drugs
- Gambling
- Isolation
- Carer stress
- Imbalance of power

Prevention

- **Plan for the future**
- **Remain active**
- **Stay independent**
- **Be and feel safe**
- **Talk about issues of concern**
- **Stay connected**



Seniors Rights Victoria

Help And Support

- Telephone Help Line
1300 368 821
- Community education programs: talks and presentations to groups.
- Support and education for professionals and staff
- Website:
www.seniorsrights.org.au

FREE
Community
Education
with
Interpreter

**Talks to seniors groups
(with interpreters):**

- Elder Abuse, Risks, Prevention and Assistance
- Enduring Powers of Attorney
- Care For Your Assets

Resources

- Information Sheets in Different Languages

Obtain Community Education Kit With Booking Sheet

Future Directions

- Elder abuse is a growing issue
 - Talk, talk, talk.
 - We must continue to create awareness
 - Support those who are being abused
 - Community responses

Questions Comments Discussion

