

Rights of older people

All adults have the right to make their own choices and decisions.

As we age our rights remain and include a right to:

- Maintain personal independence.
- Be treated with dignity and respect.
- Live without exploitation, abuse or neglect.
- Be and feel safe.

What is abuse of older people

Abuse can be any harm to someone caused by another person in a position of trust.

The abuser can be a family member or friend, carer or paid worker.

Abuse can be:

- **Physical**
eg. hitting, pushing, slapping.
- **Psychological**
Verbal harassment, humiliation, threats.
- **Financial**
Misuse of your money, property or resources.

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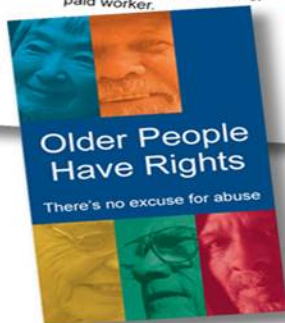
- **Social**
Restricting or stopping activities or contact.
- **Sexual**
eg. non consensual sexual contact.
- **Neglect**
eg. failure to meet basic needs or provide necessities.

Has this happened to you?

- Been forced to sign documents against your will?
- Been denied essential items?
- Had your social activities restricted?
- Been pushed around, hit or physically restrained?

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- Been yelled at, called names, told that you are stupid?
- Been asked for money on a regular basis and it is not repaid?
- Been threatened when you don't comply with the wishes of family or friends?



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Prevent it.
There's no
excuse for
abuse.



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