

**Elder Abuse:
it's time for action!**

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference Friday 15 June 2007



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**I JUST WANT IT TO
STOP!**

**AN ADVOCACY
RESPONSE TO ABUSE**

ABUSE OF OLDER PEOPLE

➤ Definition of Elder Abuse

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

Source: ‘Australian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse’, 1999

CASE EXAMPLES

➤ Vera (85)

➤ Maria (76)

➤ Eric (79)

**“Abuse in
any form is
not OK”**

Source: ‘Regaining Your Control’ booklet

**“Something
can be done to
stop abuse”**

Source: ARAS ‘Preventing Abuse of Older People’
website

What do ARAS Advocates do?

- Speak confidentially with the person / their representative / service provider / carer to:
 - Identify relevant issues and concerns
 - Provide information about rights and support available
 - Discuss options / strategies
 - Establish an action plan
 - Work with the person to achieve a satisfactory outcome

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**Abuse is
not
acceptable**

Each Residenthas the right:

**“to be treated with
dignity and respect,
and to live without
exploitation, abuse
or neglect”**

Source: DHA Residential Care Manual, 10.13 The
Charter of Residents’ Rights and Responsibilities

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“to be free from reprisal, or well-founded fear of reprisal, in any form, for taking action to enforce his or her rights”

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What would you do?

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