

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

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference Friday 15 June 2007



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SAPOL RESPONSE
ELDER ABUSE
Supporting Your Service

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Home Assist Scheme

Home Assist Scheme

- HACCC funded
- Supporting Local Government Agencies and Health Service Providers
- Security Audits
- Group Presentations:
 - Home and Personal Safety
 - Safety in the Clients Home
 - Safety for Aged Care Residents

Disclosure Of Information

S.A. Government Organisations

Information Privacy principles Instruction

- The agency using the information believes on reasonable grounds that the disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent **threat to the life or health** of the record-subject or some other person
- The disclosure is reasonably necessary for the **enforcement of the criminal law**.....

Disclosure of Information

Private Organisations - Privacy Act 1988

An organisation that is a contracted service provider for a Commonwealth contract

- The organisation reasonably believes that the use or disclosure is necessary to lessen or prevent:
 - A serious and imminent threat to an individual's life, health or safety; or
 - A serious threat to **public health or safety**

- The organisation reasonably believes that the use or disclosure is reasonably necessary for one or more of the following by or on behalf of an enforcement body:
 - The prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution or punishment of **criminal offences**; or
 - The prevention, detection, investigation or remedying of seriously improper conduct or prescribed conduct; or
 - The preparation for, or conduct of, proceedings before any court or tribunal, or implementation of the orders of the court or tribunal

Police Assistance

- Emergency Incidents
- Breach of the Peace
- Investigation of Criminal Offences
- Restraining Orders
- Crime Prevention

Breach of the Peace

- Breach of the Peace is a common law offence
- May be committed anywhere (public or private)
- Police may arrest and physically remove a person from a place to prevent a breach of the peace occurring, or re-occurring
- Police standby to prevent a breach of the peace

Investigating Criminal Offences

- Victim safety
- Crime scene preservation
- Details of victim, witnesses and suspects
- Investigation
 - Reporting options
 - Banking records
 - Personnel records
 - Evidence gathering: keep a diary
 - Police liaison

Restraining Orders

- Prevent someone continually behaving in a threatening manner or damaging property which causes fear or harm for the complainant
- At least two or more recent incidents
- Apply at local police stations
- Advice from Family Violence Investigation Sections
- Complainant is required to go to court

Crime Prevention

- Assess home security and provide personal safety advice and strategies
- Encourage clients to be assertive in their financial matters
- Advance Directives
- Reassurance

Questions?

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Victim Contact Officers

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