

You can raise concerns about your own wellbeing, or of an older person or an adult with disability you suspect is being abused or mistreated by someone they know in their family, home or community.

- Speak with a trained professional about your concerns and be heard without judgment.
- Get information on what services are available to help or be supported to make an anonymous report.

Ageing and Disability
Commission



## Some choices you should be free to make



Keep and spend your own money



Attend appointments alone



See family and friends when you want to



Easily access clean clothes, food and medication

In an emergency, call 000 or Lifeline 13 11 14 for crisis support National Relay Service 1800 555 660 Interpreter Services 131 450 Everyone has the right to feel safe and be treated with dignity and respect in their family, home and community.

## What we do

The **Ageing and Disability Commission** is an independent agency of the NSW Government.

We promote the rights of older people and adults with disability to live free from abuse, neglect and exploitation in their family, home and community.

You can contact us for information, support or to make a report.



## What is abuse?

There are many types of abuse that can be experienced:



Financial abuse includes limiting access to a person's bank account, spending their money without permission, or abusing powers of attorney for financial gain.



Psychological abuse includes treating an adult like a child, stopping someone from making their own decisions, threatening or stopping someone from seeing their family and friends, or verbal abuse and bullying.



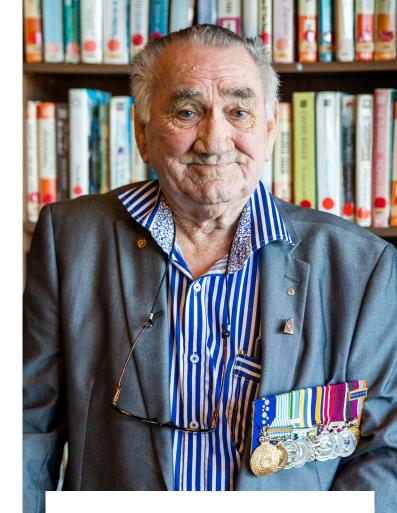
Physical abuse includes hitting, kicking or using another type of physical force to hurt, intimidate or control another person.



**Neglect** includes not providing basic items such as food, clothing or a safe place to live, or preventing another person from receiving medical or social support they need.



**Sexual abuse** includes sexual assault, inappropriate washing or handling of a person's body, enforcing nudity, or using sexually explicit language.



## What is exploitation?

The most common type of exploitation is financial.

It includes taking advantage of a person for personal financial benefit, such as befriending an older person or adult with disability, and then taking advantage of them to receive assets such as a house, car or money.