

National Plan to Respond to the Abuse of Older Australians

An overview

Australia has an ageing population. As a community with a growing proportion of older people, we have an opportunity to recognise the positive contributions that older people make to our society.

However, we also need to address the risks of abuse people may face as they get older.

Abuse of older people is a health and social problem, which can have devastating consequences. Abuse does not have to be physical to cause harm—misusing an older person's money, threatening to or restricting access to friends and family, or neglecting an older person's basic needs can cause lasting damage to an individual, their family and the community.

Ensuring that Australia's diverse population of older people are safe, cared for, respected and empowered is everyone's business.

That is why all Australian governments are working together to implement a National Plan that sets out a high level policy framework and initiatives to support older people to live life to the fullest.

