

Who is Advocare

Advocare is a not for profit organisation that helps people in Western Australia protect their rights.

Elder abuse in Western Australia

Although elder abuse is under-reported, it is estimated that between two and five percent of elder people experience abuse. This means approximately 6,000 to 15,000 older Western Australians could be affected.

Research shows:

- Women are more likely to experience elder abuse.
- Elder abuse is most likely to happen to people aged 75 years or more.
- People with reduced decision-making capacity or physical disability are more likely to be at risk of elder abuse.
- The most common risk factors are dependency and isolation.
- Financial/material abuse is most common and usually accompanied by psychological abuse.
- Perpetrators are most likely to be adult children. Others include spouse/de facto partner, grandchildren, step-children, nieces and nephews.

Harold's story

Harold is an 82-year-old pensioner living with his 51 year old daughter Nancy, and her family. Nancy persuaded him to transfer his \$60,000 in savings into her account to help pay bills and Harold's medical expenses. When Harold needed money to visit his son overseas, Nancy told him there wasn't enough to pay for his ticket. Nancy said the money was used to pay for the children's school fees and car repairs. When Harold protested, Nancy said he should be grateful for living with them and thankful he wasn't in a nursing home. Harold is a victim of elder abuse.

Gwen's story

Gwen is 78-years-old and lives at a residential caravan park. She was recently physically abused (held by the arms and shaken) and threatened by her 45-yearold son asking for more money to feed his drug addiction. Gwen feels afraid to report her son to the police because she does not want him to go to prison. She also depends on him for transport to the shops and appointments because her son is using her car. Gwen told her friend she knows her son has a problem but is reluctant to take out a restraining order on him because she loves him. Gwen is a victim of elder abuse.

Advocare is visiting Dandaragan on Thursday the 16th of February at the Dandaragan CRC from 10am to 11am, come along and hear about this organisation.

Presentation for Seniors on Aged Care – what you need to know!

Come along to hear about:

- Learn more about aged care services and the new reform
- Your rights and responsibilities
- How to recognise and respond to elder abuse
- How Advocare can help
- Responding to questions about your care or the care of loved ones



DETAILS

Date:
16th Feb 2017

Time:
10.00 - 11.00am

Location:
Dandaragan CRC

ALL WELCOME

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