



**Council on the Ageing NT thanks you for coming along today to show your support of elder abuse prevention and help to raise awareness of elder abuse. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.**

# 15 June 2016





**Elder Abuse  
Information Line  
1800 037 072**



Image ©[www.inpea.net](http://www.inpea.net)

**Elder abuse (also called elder mistreatment or senior abuse) – as defined by WHO is "a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person."**

Elder Abuse  
Information  
Line  
1800 037 072



Having to wash Mum's dishes doesn't give you the right to clean out her savings.



Margaret gave up her job to look after her Mum when the arthritis got really bad. In some strange way, she thought this entitled her to spend her Mum's money like it was her own. When somebody pointed out how wrong she was, Margaret was devastated because she realised she had been stealing.

Elder Abuse  
Information  
Line  
1800 037 072



Karen didn't Zoom Out mean to steal from Mum,  
she told herself it was pay.



Karen gave up her job to look after her ageing Mum. After a few months, she started helping herself to Mum's money to buy petrol and food. Then she took money to pay for a holiday for herself. The fact is, Karen had no right to do that without her Mum's consent. It was stealing.

**In 2006, the International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) designated 15<sup>th</sup> June as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). Events held across the globe on this day help raise awareness of elder abuse and highlight ways to challenge such abuse.**

Elder Abuse  
Information  
Line  
1800 037 072



Your children don't automatically have control over your money.



No matter how old you are, if you are of sound mind, you still have full say over how your money is spent. If someone in your family is pressuring you about money, don't accept it.

When Susan stopped coming to Friday lunch, the girls got suspicious.



Susan never felt comfortable going guarantor for her son's mortgage. And now that he was unemployed and pressuring her for money, she was spiralling down into depression. If you know someone like Susan who may be a financial victim of elder abuse, speak up.

Elder Abuse  
Information  
Line  
1800 037 072





**The core element within elder abuse specifically is the "expectation of trust" of the older person toward their abuser. Thus, elder abuse can include harms by people the older person knows, trusts or with whom they have a relationship (spouse, partner, family member, a friend or neighbour, or people that the older person relies on for services). Harms may be physical, psychological/ emotional, financial, sexual and neglect."**

Elder Abuse  
Information  
Line  
1800 037 072



Your hair may be grey, but your rights  
are black and white.



You can choose how you spend your money.

You can choose where you live.

You deserve to be treated with respect.

You deserve to receive proper care.

You should never be bullied.

You may be in your senior years, but you still have exactly the same rights you've always had. If someone is forcing you to make a decision you don't want to make, don't accept it.



**Elder Abuse  
Information Line  
1800 037 072**



Image ©[www.inpea.net](http://www.inpea.net)