

WHAT IF YOU OR A FRIEND NEED HELP



If someone has been injured or is in danger, call 000 for police or ambulance immediately.

For non-urgent issues, call:

Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline

1800 628 221 (Mon-Fri 9-5)

Anyone who has reasonable grounds to believe that **an adult with disability or older adult** is subject to, or at risk of, abuse, neglect or exploitation can call.

- ◆ Reporters can be anonymous.
- ◆ Reporters have protections under the law.
- ◆ Reports can be made to our Helpline: by phone 1800 628 221, email or via www.ageingdisabilitycommission.nsw.gov.au

How to contact

Collaborative Against Abuse of Older People in Sutherland Shire

email: collaborative@ecs.org.au

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***Community
Aged Care Providers
working together
to protect our
vulnerable seniors
& support them
to remain safely
in their
own homes***

What is Abuse of Older People?

‘...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’.

[*Types of abuse include: Financial, Emotional, Physical, Sexual, Neglect]

Sutherland Shire has the highest proportion of people aged 65 & over in Greater Sydney - 17% or 37,000 people. Most live independently in the community; some require support from family, friends & support services.

Statistics suggest 1850 older people living in their own homes in Sutherland Shire will suffer some form of abuse by an individual they should be able to trust - a spouse, son, daughter, grandchild or friend - 1480 of them won't tell anyone.

The **Collaborative Against Abuse of Older People in Sutherland Shire** formed in 2016 to help providers of in-home & community-based aged care to identify & respond to abuse. It is part of a NSW network of Collaboratives.

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS OF THE COLLABORATIVE



TERMS OF REFERENCE Collaborative Against Abuse of Older People

- Monitor & contribute to the work of government to increase support for older people, including policy reviews
- Create awareness of abuse of older people receiving care & support to live in their own homes that builds the capacity of community aged care service providers to identify, respond to & prevent abuse
- Strengthen referral pathways & share good practice across & within networks
- Galvanize the efforts of relevant local community agencies to educate & promote early intervention
- Provide peer support to members dealing with abuse issues