



16 Days of Activism – 25 November to 10 December 2016

## **DAY 7. 1 DECEMBER 2016**

### **ELDER ABUSE**

\* Elder abuse is an act which causes harm to an older person and occurs within an informal relationship of trust. It can occur in family homes and also in institutionalised settings such as aged care facilities, nursing homes, community homes.

Data pertains to Queensland only.

\* 70% of elder abuse cases involve a parent with their adult child.

\* 71% of victims are women.

\* The incidence increases with age- the most reported group is women aged 80 – 84 years.

\* 61% of cases occurred in SE Qld.

\* 48% of cases recorded more than one form of abuse ( eg. psychological and financial).

\* elder abuse includes the following forms – emotional, verbal, financial, sexual, psychological, physical as well as neglect.

\* Be alert to financial abuse of older people, especially by their children/relatives/carers; report concerns to relevant authorities.

RESOURCES: Brochure <http://www.qld.gov.au/trustyourinstinct>  
Helpcard <https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/theres-no-excuse-elder-abuse/about-campaign/campaign-materials>

#### HELPLINES:

Uniting Care Elder Abuse Helpline 1300 651 192

PublicTrustee ([www.pt.qld.gov.au](http://www.pt.qld.gov.au) check office locations) 1300 360 044



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Policelink (<http://www.policelink.qld.gov.au>) or phone 131 444

Office of the Public Guardian 1300 653 187

Seniors and Legal Support Services:

Brisbane 07 3214 6333  
Cairns 1800 650 931 or 07 4031 7179  
Hervey Bay 07 4124 6863  
Toowoomba 07 4616 9700  
Townsville 07 4721 5511

Lifeline 13 11 14

Salvos Care Line 1300 363 622

Sexual Assault Helpline 1800 010 120

Aged Care Complaints Commissioner 1800 550 552



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**TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

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