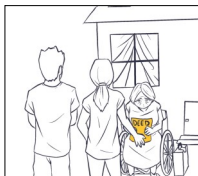


## Behaviours of ABUSER

## OLDER PERSON Signs of abuse

Coercing re money, assets or Will; taking control of the older person's finances against their wishes; denying access to their money; misusing Power of Attorney.

### FINANCIAL



Significant bank withdrawals &/or changes to Will; no money to pay for essential food, clothing, utilities.

Shoving or rough-handling; kicking, hitting, slapping, biting &/or burning; use of physical or medical restraints.

### PHYSICAL



Unexplained marks or bruises; internal or external injuries; pain on touching; pressure sores; sprains, dislocations & fractures.

Name-calling; emotional blackmail; treating the older person like a child; isolating or removal of access to family or friends; threatening placement in aged care.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL



Resignation; depression; shame; fearfulness; socially withdrawn; anxious or worried after visits by a specific person or persons.

Failure to provide food, adequate & clean clothing, heating, care & medicine; over/under-medicating; preventing care by others.

### NEGLECT



Inadequate clothing or complaints of being too hot or cold; poor personal hygiene; unexplained weight loss; malnutrition; dehydration.

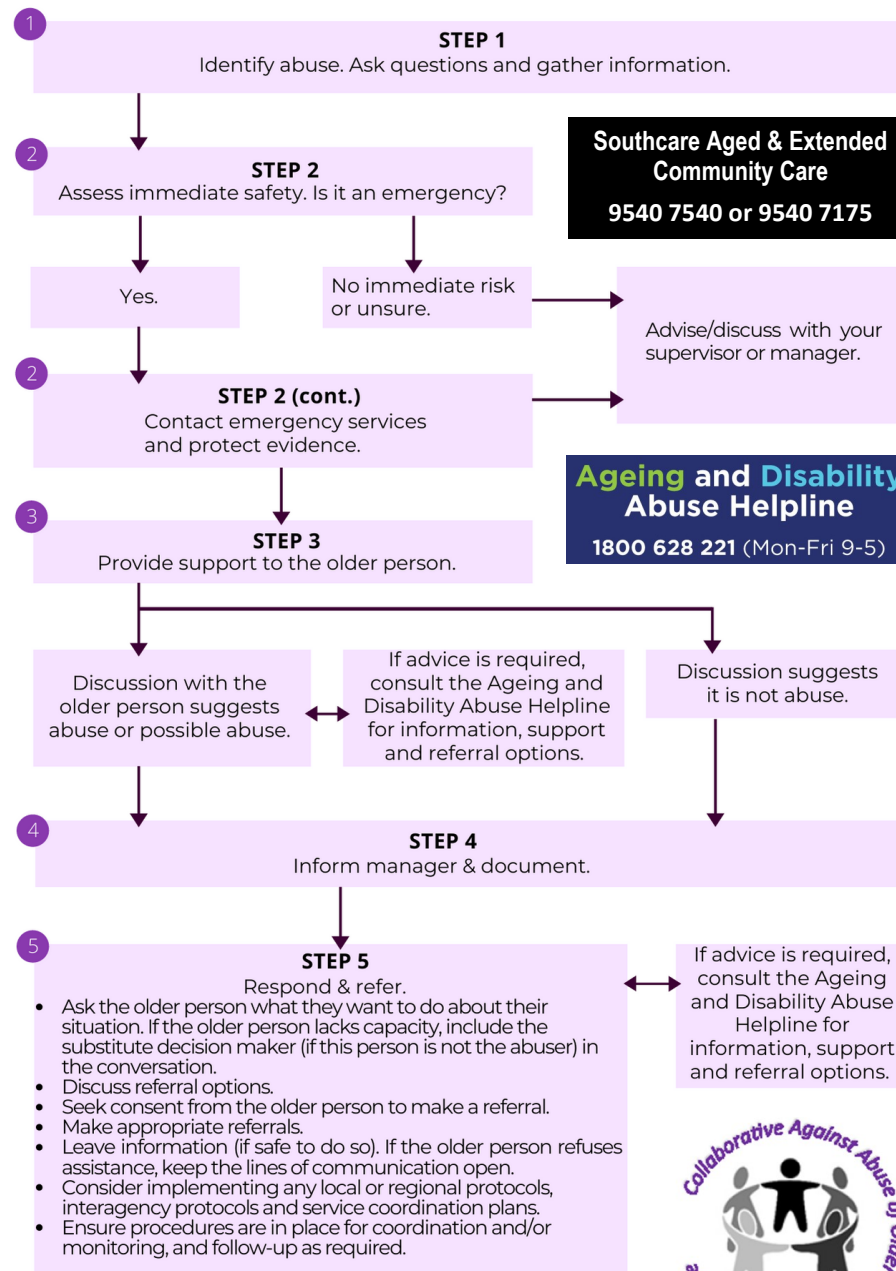
Non-consensual contact, language or exploitation, incl rape, photos; inappropriate or rough treatment of the older person's genitals.

### SEXUAL



Genital injury or trauma; unexplained STD or incontinence; anxiety after visits by a specific person.

# HOW TO RESPOND TO ABUSE OF AN OLDER PERSON



**Southcare Aged & Extended  
Community Care**  
9540 7540 or 9540 7175

**Ageing and Disability  
Abuse Helpline**  
1800 628 221 (Mon-Fri 9-5)

More: [www.ecs.org.au/abuse-collaborative](http://www.ecs.org.au/abuse-collaborative)

