

Elder abuse is a violation of human rights and a significant cause of injury, illness, lost productivity, isolation and despair.

Confronting and reducing elder abuse requires a multisectoral and multidisciplinary approach.

Active Ageing, A Policy Framework
WHO, 2002

Current priorities for ANPEA are to:

- rebuild the network, its membership and profile
- obtain funds to support its operation and strategic priorities
- establish a website to be a source of reliable information and mechanism for sharing and disseminating information about abuse and its prevention
- hold an annual meeting as a national forum for discussion on progress in addressing the abuse of older people in Australia.

A small leadership group has been appointed.

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Australian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

ANPEA



*Preventing elder
abuse in an ageing
world is everybody's
business.*

Toronto Declaration on the Global
Prevention of Elder Abuse, 2002

ANPEA's mission

Older people have the right to live free from abuse, neglect, violence or exploitation from people who they should be able to trust.

More effective strategies are needed to prevent elder abuse from occurring, to increase community awareness of elder abuse and to improve the support and protection of older people who are abused.¹

Join ANPEA to

- link with others interested in preventing elder abuse
- contribute to developing better strategies
- share information
- learn what's going on elsewhere.

What is elder abuse?

Elder abuse is any act occurring within a relationship where there is an implication of trust, which results in harm to an older person. Abuse may be physical, sexual, financial, psychological, social and/or neglect².

¹ ANPEA recognises that the term 'elder' has specific meaning for indigenous people. While the abuse of older people can occur in all communities, the term 'elder abuse' does not refer particularly to Aboriginal older people or leaders.

² Australian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse Working Definition (1999).

Elder abuse can occur anywhere, in an older person's home or in an institution. It may be carried out by people who are close to them such as family members, friends, paid workers, volunteer workers or professionals. Both older men and women can be at risk.

ANPEA's goals

- To act as a forum for sharing information about new developments, ideas and approaches in the identification, prevention and response to the abuse of older people in Australia and internationally.
- To identify opportunities for improvements in policies, programs, community education and the training of professionals and to share these with interested stakeholders.
- To encourage research into the causes, consequences, prevalence, prevention, service and legislative responses to the abuse of older people.
- To contribute to the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) and to appoint the Australian representative.

How ANPEA operates

After initially being established in 1997 ANPEA was reconvened in 2006 by a group of interested individuals and organisations. Since then the costs of maintaining ANPEA have been met by the goodwill and in-kind support of those individuals and organisations.

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Membership

Membership is open to any individual or organisation that supports the mission, goals and values of ANPEA. Communication with members will be primarily by email until resources allow for other forms of communication. To join please complete:

Name

Position

Organisation.....

Email

Telephone

Address.....

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.....Postcode

Areas of interest and expertise.....

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Please tick and sign below:

- I/my organisation supports the goals and values of ANPEA and understands that my/our details will be placed on the ANPEA membership database and may be circulated to other ANPEA members and interested people by ANPEA.

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Signature Date

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