



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

An Uncomfortable Truth | Sexual Violence of Older People

15th June 2024

Everyone has a role to play

<p>Recognise...</p> <p>ask yourself; <i>“Is what I am hearing, seeing or suspecting a possible concern of sexual abuse?”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A direct report of sexual abuse• A vague report of sexual abuse• Trauma to the genitals, breast, rectum mouth• Injury to the face, neck abdomen, thighs, buttocks• Presence of STD's• Human bite marks• Torn/ bloodied underwear• New/ atypical behaviours such as;<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Sleep disturbance◦ Incontinence◦ Aggression◦ Changes to eating patterns◦ Inappropriate/ unusual sexual behaviour◦ Anxiety attacks◦ Fear of a particular person
<p>Respond...</p> <p>Without delay</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure the immediate safety of the person• Is anyone else at immediate risk?• Listen, reassure and support• Record and preserve evidence• Seek medical assistance
<p>Report...</p> <p>On the same day as the concern arises</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line Manager/ Senior Manager• Designated Officer• An Garda Síochána• Record in writing

Support and advice is also available from your local [Safeguarding and Protection Team.](#)

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