



Elder Abuse Awareness 15 – 22 June 2019

Elder abuse and neglect are often hidden and victims are frequently afraid to acknowledge it. Such abuse can be physical, psychological or emotional, sexual and/or financial in nature. It can also be the result of intentional or unintentional neglect. The perpetrator of such abuse may be someone very close to the elderly person.

The Ministry of Social Development's Office For Senior Citizens has done the first research into elder abuse in New Zealand, based on the New Zealand Longitudinal Study of Ageing (NZLSA). This research shows the vast majority of older people are safe and are not experiencing or at risk of abuse and neglect. A number of specific groups of older people face higher rates of abuse, including women, Maori and those who are separated, divorced or widowed.

For more information click on the link below:

https://www.ageconcern.org.nz/ACNZPublic/Services/EANP/ACNZ_Public/Elder_Abuse_and_Neglect.aspx