



Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service

This fact sheet has information about the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service.

What is the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service?

The Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service is a specialist legal advice and assistance service located in the Civil Law Division at Legal Aid WA.

We help older Western Australians to safeguard their rights and prevent elder abuse.

If you are an older person who is being harmed by the actions of someone else, such as a family member, friend, neighbour or carer, you may be experiencing elder abuse.

Who can use the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service?

Older people who have experienced elder abuse, or who are at risk of experiencing elder abuse, can get free legal advice and assistance from the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service.



Advice can be provided by phone, face to face and through community outreach.



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Where is the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service located?

The Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service operates from the Perth office at Legal Aid WA.

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Who provides the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service?

Lawyers with specialist experience in laws that affect older Western Australians provide the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service.

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There is no cost in receiving advice from a lawyer at the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service.

Is there a cost in getting help from the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service?

There is no cost in receiving advice from a lawyer at the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service.

How can I access the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service?

You can access the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service by calling Legal Aid WA's Infoline on 1300 650 579. You can also email seniorsrights@legalaid.wa.gov.au.

To find out more about the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service you can visit the Legal Aid WA website: www.legalaid.wa.gov.au. The Legal Aid WA website has information, videos and self-help guides on a range of legal topics.

How can the Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service help?

The Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service provides free legal advice and assistance about:

- » planning for the future, including advice about Enduring Powers of Attorney, Enduring Powers of Guardianship and Advance Health Directives,
- » guardianship and administration, where someone lacks decision making capacity,
- » granny flats and moving in with family,
- » family law and issues involving grandchildren, and
- » protection from violence or abuse.

We also provide:

- » representation in certain guardianship and administration matters in the State Administrative Tribunal,
- » mediation and dispute resolution of suitable matters,
- » information sessions and community legal education, and
- » referrals to community and government agencies.