



GLEN EIRA  
CITY COUNCIL

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## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day — 15 June

*World Elder Abuse Awareness Day* (15 June) is aimed at reminding the community that human rights do not diminish as people get older and that everyone has the right to live with dignity and respect.

Elder abuse is any act which causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust.

Council will be showing its support for *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day* by lighting Town Hall's garden in purple — the symbolic colour representing the campaign — from 14 June to 20 June.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said figures compiled by the National Ageing Research Institute of Seniors Rights Victoria indicate that financial abuse and psychological and emotional abuse are together the most common forms of abuse reported by older Victorians.

“Warning signs of elder abuse may include an older person seeming fearful, anxious or isolated. There may be injuries, or an absence of personal care,” she said.

“Disappearance of possessions, unexplained financial transactions, and changes to a will, property title or other documents are also of concern.”

Like other forms of family violence, most elder abuse occurs behind closed doors, so it's important for loved ones to watch out for signs, listen and offer help.

If you or someone you know is experiencing elder abuse, contact Seniors Rights Victoria's free, confidential hotline on 1300 368 821 or visit [seniorsrights.org.au/your-rights/](https://seniorsrights.org.au/your-rights/)

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