

Eastern Community Legal Centre would like to proudly acknowledge the First Nations Peoples of Victoria, sovereign custodians of the land and water on which we rely.

We respectfully acknowledge their Lore, traditions and customs that have survived over 60,000 years of existence, as well as honouring those who have since passed on to the Dreaming.

We thank the Elders for their guidance, their wisdom and their teachings, and endeavour to support Elders in Community within our capabilities. We thank the Community leaders who laid the foundations and whose continued work has paved the way for our ongoing support in Community.

We acknowledge the continued leadership role of the Aboriginal Community in addressing, and preventing family violence, including elder abuse, and join with our First Nations Peoples to prevent elder abuse from occurring.



Artwork
'Bowaring', Simone Thomson, Yorta-Yorta,
Wurundjeri Artist

Eastern Community Legal Centre (ECLC)

ECLC is a multi-disciplinary legal service that works to prevent problems, progress fair outcomes and support the wellbeing and resilience of communities and community members in Melbourne's East.

It provides free and confidential advice and assistance to people who live, work or study in Boroondara, Manningham, Whitehorse, Knox, Maroondah and Yarra Ranges.

ECLC has extensive experience in preventing and responding to elder abuse and other forms of family violence.

Phone. 0429 697 960
or **1300 325 200**
Email. ROSE@eclc.org.au
Web. www.eclc.org.au/rose

Oonah Health & Community Services
Aboriginal Corporation: 03 5962 2940

Information about elder abuse:
www.compass.info

Free interpreter service 131 140*
*Ask to call: 1300 32 52 00

ECLC OFFICE LOCATIONS

Box Hill Suite 3, Town Hall Hub, 27 Bank St,
Box Hill VIC 3128

Boronia Suite B, 6 Floriston Rd, Boronia VIC 3155

Healesville Healesville Community Link, 110 River St,
Healesville VIC 3777



ROSE
Rights of Seniors in the East

Are you being mistreated by someone you trust?

ROSE is a confidential, respectful and free service providing legal, social, and financial counselling support to older people who are experiencing elder abuse.



A partnership between Eastern Community
Legal Centre and Oonah.



What is elder abuse?

Everybody has the right to live in safety, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to make their own decisions. Some older people are denied these rights, often by the people who are closest to them.

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

Often, that person is a family member or carer, but it could be a friend or neighbour whom an older person depends on.

The abuse can be financial, psychological, emotional, physical or sexual. It can also involve deliberate social isolation or neglect

Examples include:

- Calling you names
- Taking your money and things without your permission or knowledge
- Pressuring you to change your will or power of attorney
- Physically hurting you
- Pressuring you to give them your money, house or things
- Threatening to harm you, someone else or your things

Stopping elder abuse before it starts

Elders are the knowledge keepers and teachers who hold great respect within the Community, and are at the centre of every family. Elders should be valued and respected for their vital role they play in keeping culture and Lore alive throughout generations. They have every right to enjoy their later years as they graciously share their knowledge of lived experience. We can all do our bit to prevent elder abuse.

Getting Information & Support

If you are worried that yourself or someone you know is being mistreated by someone they trust such as a family member, you can call the ROSE program for a confidential and respectful conversation on 0429 697 960 or 1300 325.

ROSE can arrange a FREE interpreter, cultural supports and disability supports if needed.

The ROSE team of professionals can meet you discreetly at an ECLC office, a location near you or by phone. You can bring a support person to your appointment.

Reducing the risk of elder abuse

- Getting independent legal advice about your Will & Power of Attorney
- If you have an adult child returning home to live with you, getting support to set out expectations and boundaries for behaviour, financial contributions and more
- Accessing support and advice as soon as possible if you have an adult child experiencing mental illness or addiction

ROSE stands for Rights of Seniors in the East

The ROSE Program is **free and confidential**.

ROSE has a community lawyer, advocate, and financial counsellor.

ROSE can help support you to feel safe, informed about your rights and options, and empowered.

- The community lawyer can provide you with legal advice and options.
- The advocate can provide information and support including safety planning and linking you in with helpful services.
- The financial counsellor can assist you with your finances including options to deal with any debts.

The ROSE Program can meet with you by phone or at a location that suits you – either an ECLC office or somewhere else that you choose.