

Fact Sheet

Screening, Risk Assessment and Abuse

This fact sheet identifies tools to help workers and professionals have conversations about elder abuse.

- > Service and clinical settings provide opportunities for routine and systematic use of tools.
- > Older people may not initiate disclosure of the abuse, but are more likely to talk about it when asked by a trusted worker or professional.
- > Tools can be useful for relatives, friends and carers, when conversations may be uncomfortable or difficult to start.

A range of tools are available, and depending on your role and responsibilities, some of these may be better suited to your workplace.

Responsibilities may include opportunities for screening for risk factors, assessing risks and identify abuse.

The following instruments are suggested tools for practice and can be accessed along with other tools at [The Carver College of Medicine - University of Iowa](#) website.

- > Early screening of risk: Elder Abuse Suspicion Index (EASI)
- > Risk of Abuse Tool – screening tool for common risk factors
- > Indicators of Abuse (IOA) Screening tool – screening for abuse and neglect at home
- > Health, Attitudes Toward Ageing, Living Arrangements, And Finances (Half) Assessment - A clinician-based tool to identify elders at risk in a health service setting
- > Carers Risk Screening Tool (CASE).
- > Remember risk screening will need to take into account that elder abuse is often denied or covered up by the older person or person committing the abuse.
- > Additional strategies may be necessary if suspicion of elder abuse is denied, if you suspect or witness the abuse of a person with suspected impaired-decision making capacity, if there is a known impaired mental capacity assessment, or if the person has a confirmed impaired mental capacity, or if the person is from an Aboriginal or culturally and linguistically diverse community.

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