



Learnings from other perspectives and responses to abuse & mistreatment of vulnerable populations: Elder Abuse, Domestic Violence, Child Protection & Safeguarding People with Disabilities

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Background & Context

- Who we are and why this area of focus
- Safer Services Project
- Strengthening focus on violence, abuse and mistreatment in the government, media and community
- What can we learn from other perspectives and responses to abuse & mistreatment of vulnerable populations?

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Counting the Cost

- **Domestic Violence:** 28% women physical or sexual violence from an intimate partner (from 2013). Economic cost - \$13.6 billion
- **Child Abuse:** 1 in 37 received CP orders. Indigenous children 7 x (AIHW, 2015). Economic cost \$4 billion plus \$6.7 billion
- **Elder Abuse:** 3-5% (Kurrle 2004) (insert QADA study)
- **Abuse & Mistreatment of People with Disabilities:** Estimated that 1.5 x more likely (Hughes et al. 2012) & 2 x for women with disabilities (Dowse et al., 2013)
- **2012 Personal Safety Survey (ABS, 2013):** 49% men and 41% women

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Definitions: what is it and who is affected?



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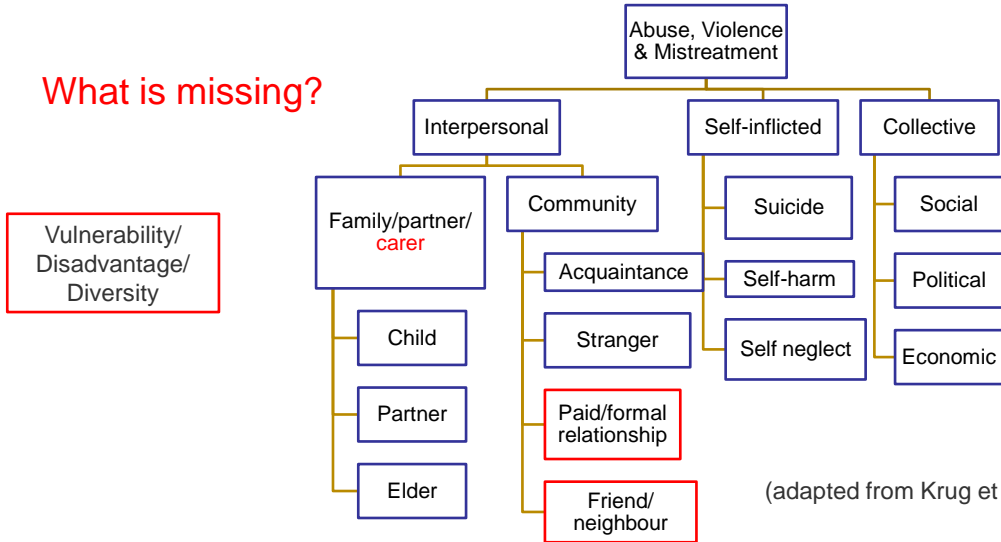
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Conceptualising of abuse, violence and mistreatment across lifespan & society

What is missing?



(adapted from Krug et al. 2002, p. 1082)

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Responses

	Elder Abuse	Domestic Violence	Child Abuse	Abuse & Mistreatment of People with Disabilities
State/territory	State-based responses			
National	<i>2014-2015 National Elder Abuse Annual Report</i>	<i>National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022</i>	National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009–2020	<i>National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 - 2.3: Develop strategies to reduce violence, abuse and neglect of people with disability'.</i>

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Safer Services: Investing in the Protection of People with Disability

Two year collaborative project aiming to enhance the safety of people with disability by assisting disability service organisations and service users to increase their safeguarding capacity.

- Phase 1 (6 stages) 250 stakeholder participants
- Phase 2 (2 stages) 320 stakeholder participants



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Where to from here?

Does elder abuse suffer from inherent ageism?

What do older people want?

Is there a better and more integrated way of responding to violence, abuse and mistreatment in our society?

How can we best benefit from the work being done in other areas?

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