

Older people - Other Bench Books

Vic

Judicial College of Victoria, *Family Violence Bench Book* (2014).

Section 5.10 - Abuse of older people provides a comprehensive overview of elder abuse and family violence against older people. It provides information on the definition of 'elder abuse'; the prevalence, perpetrators and forms of family violence against older people; barriers to reporting; and contact details of services to access.

WA

Department of the Attorney General (WA), *Equality before the Law: Bench Book* (2009).

Section 6 focusses on 'Older people'. In particular 6.2.2 considers elder abuse. It identifies the prevalence of elder abuse as between 3%-10%. It identifies financial abuse as the most common form of abuse with women being 2.5 times more likely than men to experience elder abuse. The main perpetrators of elder abuse were adult children, a spouse or partner or other relatives. In around 75% of reported incidents of elder abuse older men and women were estimated to have a decision-making disability and nearly half of them had a significant physical disability. Physical and intellectual disabilities that become more common as people age are discussed.

Canada

Neilson, Linda C, *Domestic Violence Electronic Bench Book* (National Judicial Institute, 2017).

Although Neilson's bench book refers to elder abuse frequently throughout footnotes in this bench book, there is little substantive discussion on it.