

Better Understood. Still overlooked.

June 15th 2026 marks the 20th anniversary of **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**. We are reflecting not only on how far society has come in recognising the abuse of older people, but also on how far we still have to go.

Worried about an elderly person?

Please speak to us. We are always ready to listen.

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The realities today...

Twenty years ago, the abuse of older people was hidden behind closed doors. It was misunderstood, minimised and rarely spoken about. Today, there is greater awareness than ever before. However, older victim-survivors can still feel invisible to the systems designed to protect them:

- People experiencing coercive control from an adult child.
- Older women trapped in abusive relationships after decades of harm.
- Older men isolated, manipulated and financially exploited.
- Victim-survivors living with dementia, disability or poor health, often dependent on their abuser for care and support.

Take the OATH. OATH – Older Age, Tomorrow's Hope.

Building a Safer Ageing Society is essential. OATH is about creating a voice so loud that it cannot be ignored any longer. Your signature makes that voice louder. Your signature shows you are prepared to have your voice heard. Visit the Hourglass website to sign the OATH and to book a place on their upcoming Webinar. <https://wearehourglass.org/>

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The RLSS have a number of courses available to help support you with your care of the elderly so visit our website or email training@religioussafeguarding.org now to book one of the courses below:

