



ARE YOU AGED 65+?

Know where to seek help.

Advance Care Directives (ACD)

An ACD dictates your wishes if you are unable to make important decisions yourself, such as future health care and living arrangements. It replaces the existing Enduring Power of Guardianship, Medical Power of Attorney and Anticipatory Direction with a single, ACD Form. The ACD is not a will, and can not be used to make financial or legal decisions.

You can write an ACD at any stage in your life, and if you already have a completed Enduring Power of Guardianship, a Medical Power of Attorney or an Anticipatory Direction, these will continue to be legally effective unless you complete a new ACD Form. For further information **contact the Legal Services Commission of South Australia on 1300 366 424.**

Making a Will

Do you have a legal Will? Making a valid will is the only way you can be sure your property is distributed according to your wishes after your death. If you do not have a legal Will, South Australian laws will determine how your property or 'estate' will be divided. There are several services available to assist you to prepare a Will and appoint an Executor.

For more information **call the Legal Services Commission of South Australia on 1300 366 424.**

Enduring Power of Attorney

An Enduring Power of Attorney appoints someone to manage your financial, medical or personal affairs, and continues to operate even after you become legally incapacitated. Taking the time to make an enduring Power of Attorney means your financial affairs can be looked after by someone you know and trust.

For information on how to make a Power of Attorney, **call the Legal Services Commission of South Australia on 1300 366 424.**

Funeral Assistance SA

People who have recently experienced the death of a family member or friend, and who have exhausted all options to raise funds or obtain credit, may be eligible for assistance through Funeral Assistance SA.

For details on eligibility, what is covered and how to apply, call **Funeral Assistance South Australia on 1300 762 577**

The Adult Safeguarding Unit (ASU)

The ASU is part of the Office for Ageing Well, and it aims to safeguard the rights of adults at risk of abuse, aged 65 years and over, and 50 years and over for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people. It can do so by referring a report of abuse to another more relevant service, or gather more information and develop a personalised safeguarding plan.

Established in November 2018, the ASU has statutory responsibility and accountability for receiving and responding to reports of suspected abuse or neglect of elderly South Australians. The elderly have rights, and the ASU can help you understand them.

Abuse often remains hidden. If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, you can make a report or seek advice from the ASU:

SA Elder Abuse Prevention Line: 1800 372 310 (free call)

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/departments+of+health/office+for+the+ageing/adult+safeguarding+unit



If you would like assistance with any of this information, please call Tailem Bend Community Centre on 8572 3153.

