

# ELDER ABUSE

## Examples

### Case Study One

**Laura**, 81, has endured abuse by her husband, Henry, throughout their marriage.

*"57 years of marriage. People say, 'Congratulations, what an achievement!' If only they knew," she said. "Thankfully, problems with his hip mean he can't manage the stairs anymore so he sleeps downstairs and allows me to sleep upstairs. Night-time is my favourite part of the day. I can rest knowing he can't get to me and feel safe for the first time in years. I lie in bed and my thoughts are completely my own."*  
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### Case Study Two

**Mr J** wished to live in his own home but needed support with some of his day-to-day activities. He'd always been close with his niece, and was currently between addresses. Mr J and his niece decided that she would move into Mr J's property and support him with daily tasks. Mr J's niece was very supportive and kind to him, but on occasions she would become frustrated with him and lose her patience. If Mr J's niece was in a hurry and Mr J wasn't going quick enough, then Mr J's niece would sometimes push him out of the way, resulting in falls and bruises. Other times, Mr J's niece's frustration led to insults, name-calling and door-slamming.

### Case Study Three

At **Mrs R's** son's request, Mrs R sold her property, gave her son the profits, and moved into a 'granny annex' attached to his house. After a year though, the son said they could no longer afford the house and moved to a smaller one with no space for his mother, so Mrs R ended up living in their dining room. Eight months later, the son said the house was too crowded and contacted social services to discuss putting her into a residential home.

