



Promoting Opportunities Protecting Rights For Older Victorians



Seniors Rights Victoria website adds support for 25 additional languages

Melbourne, 20 July -- The Seniors Rights Victoria (SRV) website has been updated to include videos and printable resources relating to elder abuse in twenty-five additional languages.

The <u>SRV's new language hub</u> includes more than 200 individual printable resources and over 40 different videos. The work is part of a continuing commitment to support Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities.

Supported languages are as follows:

Arabic*	Dutch*	Hungarian	Punjabi*	Sudanese
Bosnian*	French*	Italian*	Russian*	Tagalog
Chinese (Simplified)*	German*	Macedonian*	Serbian	Tamil*
Chinese (Traditional)	Greek*	Maltese	Sinhala	Turkish*
Croatian*	Hindi*	Polish	Spanish*	Vietnamese*

An asterisk (*) above denotes languages that the entire Seniors Rights Victoria website can be displayed in, using an automated drop-down translator tool found in the top-right corner when accessing the website on a computer. The website can also be translated into Portuguese alongside the languages listed above.

The resource translations were possible through a grant from the Victorian Law Foundation; a long-term partnership with the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria and its members, such as PRONIA; collaborations with Australian Multicultural Community Services; and funding from the Victorian Government's Integrated Services Fund.

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Topics include planning for your future, assistance available when family relationships go wrong, financial abuse, grandparenting and more.

"Through these important acts of collaboration with our valued partners, we're proud to offer information relating to the prevention of, early intervention into, and response to elder abuse in different languages," said Seniors Rights Victoria CEO, Chris Potaris.

SRV can tailor an education session to suit the needs of your community or organisation. For further information, email info@seniorsrights.org.au or call 03 9655 2129.

If you or someone you know in Victoria is experiencing elder abuse, help is available through Seniors Rights Victoria's confidential helpline on <u>1300 368 821</u>. To call SRV using an interpreter, first ring the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450, and ask them to call us.

For nationwide assistance, and to access additional resources in 20 different languages, please contact the Australian Human Rights Commission on 1800 ELDERHelp (1800 353 374).

If it is an emergency, call <u>000</u>.

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About us

Seniors Rights Victoria (SRV) is the key state-wide service dedicated to advancing the rights of older people and the early intervention into, or prevention of, elder abuse in our community.

SRV has a team of experienced advocates, lawyers, and social workers who provide free information, advice, referral, legal advice, legal casework, and support to older people who are either at risk of or are experiencing elder abuse. SRV supports and empowers older people through the provision of legal advice directly to the older person.

Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria is the leading not-for-profit organisation representing the interests and rights of people aged over 50 in Victoria. For over 70 years, we have led government, corporate and community thinking about the positive aspects of ageing in the state.

Today, our focus is on promoting opportunities for and protecting the legal rights of people 50+. We value ageing and embrace its opportunities for personal growth, contribution, and self-expression. This belief drives benefits to the nation and its states alongside communities, families, and individuals.