


Inquiry into Elder Abuse in Queensland

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Elder Abuse - [REDACTED]

I am a 77 year old grandmother who lives alone and I needed to go to the DV police over my granddaughter.

- I took my 15 year old granddaughter into my home after being estranged from her for 5 years after getting her away from a toxic mother. I went to the DV police to see where I stood and was told she could self- place with a responsible adult and that was me.
- After some months she started causing disruption and causing harm in my home
- She stayed in my home for almost a year while I travelled with a companion around Australia. I came home to a total home disaster.
- Over the next few weeks her behaviour became worse and escalated one week drastically when I refused to allow her boyfriend to move in.
- One morning after I had an altercation with her, I just knew I was not safe in my home. She was behaving wildly throwing things around and threatening me.
- Feeling very shaken, a friend went with me back to the DV police, they took me very seriously and told me that that was considered elder abuse. After spending several hours with them I left, and they spoke to her.
- She was gone from my home that evening then began a clean up from a disgustingly filthy room and I was left with fears of would she or the boyfriend My me and do damage to me or my property.
 - My anxiety reached such a level that I required a visit to the DR and several visits to a psychologist.

I would not like to see that happen to anyone else, tom feel threatened in their own home.

I had the courage to go to the DV police and take a friend with me. Someone else may not have the knowledge or fortitude to go to the police when worried about personal safety.

I request that my name be withheld.

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