

Your children don't automatically have control over your money.



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No matter how old you are, if you are of sound mind, you still have full say over how your money is spent. If someone in your family is pressuring you about money, you don't have to accept it.

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Having to wash Mum's dishes doesn't give you the right to clean out her savings.



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Margaret gave up her job to look after her Mum when the arthritis got really bad. In some strange way, she thought this entitled her to spend her Mum's money like it was her own. When somebody pointed out how wrong she was, Margaret was devastated because she realised she had been stealing.



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When Ana stopped coming to Friday card games, her friends got suspicious.



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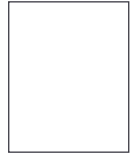


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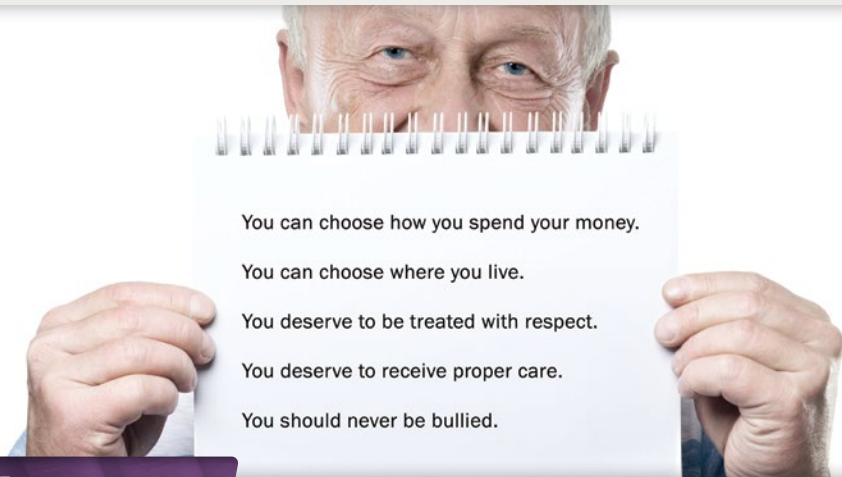
Ana's friends knew she wasn't comfortable becoming guarantor for her son's mortgage. She told them that he was now unemployed and pressuring her for money. They knew she was struggling to make ends meet. If you know someone like Ana who may be a victim of financial elder abuse, speak up.

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Your hair may be grey, but your rights are black and white.



You can choose how you spend your money.

You can choose where you live.

You deserve to be treated with respect.

You deserve to receive proper care.

You should never be bullied.

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You may be in your senior years, but you still have exactly the same rights you've always had. If someone is forcing you to make a decision you don't want to make, don't accept it.

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