



## Age-Friendly Calgary

Calgary's population is aging. To prepare for this demographic change, The City of Calgary partnered with older Calgarians, other levels of government, and members of the health, post-secondary, non-profit, and private sectors to develop a community-wide plan.

The **Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy** was approved by Calgary City Council in June 2015.

The Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy identifies six local priority areas:

- **Access to information and services**
- **Community support and health**
- **Housing**
- **Participation and inclusion**
- **Prevention of and response to elder abuse**
- **Transportation and mobility**

Everyone has a part to play in helping make age-friendly communities. What can you do to help make Calgary a great place to live as we age?

## Prevention and Response to Elder Abuse

Elder abuse can take many forms, including emotional, financial, physical, sexual, medication abuse, and neglect. The two most commonly reported types of abuse in Canada are financial and emotional. Most cases of elder abuse go unreported. Elder abuse is most often committed by a person in a position of trust – such as a family member, friend, or caregiver.

### What we want to see:

- Older adults being safe from abuse and neglect

### What we are doing:

- Promoting public awareness on how to identify, prevent, and respond to elder abuse and neglect
- Ensuring that professionals working with older adults learn how to identify, prevent, and respond to elder abuse and neglect
- Developing a coordinated community response to elder abuse

### What you can do:

Identify ways that your organization or business can contribute to creating an Age-Friendly Calgary. **Visit [Calgary.ca/agefriendly](http://Calgary.ca/agefriendly) to download the **Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy and Implementation Plan 2015-2018** or call **311** to connect with current initiatives in the area of **Prevention and Response to Elder Abuse**.**