



# Age & Opportunity's Safe Suite Initiative

## What is the Safe Suite Initiative?

This initiative provides temporary housing for men and women, 55 years or older who are in need of a safe place to stay due to abuse or neglect and whose needs cannot be effectively met by existing abuse/crisis services. Abuse may be physical, emotional/psychological, sexual, financial or neglect.

## Who Is Eligible?

- 55 years of age or older
- Women and men
- Older adults who have experienced abuse or are at imminent risk of abuse

## What Services Are Provided?

- Social Workers provide counselling services
- Furnished accommodations for up to 60 days
- Victoria Lifeline support
- Practical assistance with arranging finances, housing and legal and support services

## What is the cost?

Age & Opportunity is able to provide this service at no cost to older adults through partnerships with the Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat, the Manitoba Housing Authority the Winnipeg Police Service, Victoria Lifeline and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

## What Other Crisis Services Are Available?

The primary crisis lines listed below will assess situations that are life-threatening (police/ emergency response required), as a result of domestic violence or sexual assault, or where individuals are experiencing acute mental health crises.

Police/Emergency Services 9.1.1

### *Domestic Violence*

- Province-wide Domestic Violence 24 hour Crisis Line 1.877.977.0007
- Osborne House Crisis Line 204.942.3052
- Ikwe-Widdjiitwin Crisis Line 204.987.2780

### *Suicide Prevention/Crisis Counselling*

- Clinic Crisis Line 204.786.8686

### *Sexual Assault*

- Clinic Sexual Assault Line 204.786.8631

### *Mental Health Crisis*

- WRHA Mobile Crisis Services 204.946.9109

## Who Can I Contact?

All questions about the Safe Suite Initiative may be forwarded to:

### **Age & Opportunity Intake Line**

In Winnipeg: 204.956.6440

Toll-free: 1.888.333.3121

Fax: 204.946.5667

E-mail: [intake@ageopportunity.mb.ca](mailto:intake@ageopportunity.mb.ca)

**If you are concerned that an older adult may be experiencing abuse or neglect, please call:  
Age & Opportunity Intake Line at 204.956.6440**