

**Lumacare's Board of Directors Shines the Light on Elder Abuse**  
*Join Lumacare's Board of Directors on Advocating for Elder Abuse Awareness*

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In anticipation of the upcoming election, we are advocating about a very important matter that requires serious attention from our next provincial government.

Elder abuse, as has been reported widely in the media, is on the rise and, as Canada's proportion of seniors is on pace to become 25% of our entire population by 2021 - a figure we have never seen before - our province requires legislative action to protect this vulnerable population. Through our own work in our community directly with older adults and their families, we have sadly observed this rise in the number of elder abuse incidents firsthand.

Currently, any health care professionals providing care to older adults are required by law to report any incidents of abuse observed. However, there is no general duty on members of the public to report observed incidents of elder abuse as is the case with children.

We are requesting the members of provincial parliament commit to a comprehensive review of elder abuse protection laws so as to create a safe, secure, and inclusive environment for older adults. The stated commitment to this request prior to the upcoming election will be greatly appreciated as we would like to share the party's position on this matter with our clients, sector colleagues, and the public.

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## ABOUT LUMACARE

Established in 1974, Lumacare is a not-for-profit organization that enhances, engages and empowers the members of our diverse community by providing equitable, accessible and high-quality services. With over 15 programs and services, Lumacare provides leadership in family-centric health and social services and continue to respond to community needs through innovating new programs, services and tools. For more information, please visit [www.lumacare.ca](http://www.lumacare.ca).

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