

Christine's story 1

[Aunty] had to go down [to Perth] to see the doctors coz they were gonna get her ready to go on a dialysis machine. I call her aunty coz she's one of the elders, that is, she's not really a blood relative but through respect for our elders we call her 'aunty'.

She's one of the local elders from here and not very familiar with the city. You know, Mullewa is just the confined environment where she has been most of all her life.

[She was] put in a taxi [by hospital staff], in a place where she is not familiar with, especially the city.

I think it was a bit of a shell shock, for the whole family was at a panic mode up here, as well as in the city. So that was a bit of a scare tactic. Her daughter came in panicking... And that's the reason why I know that it had happened, coz they were ringing up their children in Perth to go and look for Nanna.

Some of the family members lived down there... You know, this is the younger generation... But for a lady at this age, she wouldn't even know how to get on a train let alone put her in a taxi to go to a place.

So they really need to consider before they act. How old are you? Is it right to put an aged care lady in their taxi? They got to make sure that they got their address and that they are fine and safe.

Interviewer: She probably knew that her family lived in Belmont, but where?

Apparently they took her to the Belmont shopping centre. That's where the kids found her.

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