

"Rise in the presence of the aged, and honour the face of the old man. . ."
-Leviticus 19:32

Elder Advocates Of Alberta Society (1992)

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The Honourable Ms. Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Health
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"Rape culture, however can be loosely defined as a culture wherein the dominant attitudes toward rape, facilitate, tolerate and excuse rapists."

Supra Dwivedi

Dear Ms. Ministers:

REFERENCE RAPE CULTURE

Further to the Honourable Minister of Health's reply dated December 20, 2016, to our correspondence of August 8, 2016.

We find your response objectionable. It fails to address the safety and well being of the frail elderly and handicapped. Your letter failed to acknowledge that it has been documented that a *Rape Culture* exists in our long term care system; a rape culture that is facilitated by allowing male caregivers to bathe and give perineal care to vulnerable females.

The Honourable Minister of Seniors failed to reply to our concerns.

Please allow us to be in response to our concerns by the 20th of January 2017.

Thank you.

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