

C. Emergency Services

The Committee recommends:

24. That the federal government, in consultation with other levels of government, establish appropriate funding for emergency shelter in homes for the aged, in seniors complexes, and in existing shelters for use by seniors at risk.

VII LEGAL SAFEGUARDS FOR THE VULNERABLE OLDER PERSON

A. *Criminal Code*

The Committee recommends:

25. That the federal government, through the Minister of Justice, work with the provinces to educate members of the police, the legal community and the general public that the existing provisions in the *Criminal Code* are applicable to abuse of older Canadians and are to be enforced.
26. That the federal government, through the Minister of Justice, review and clarify the effectiveness of the *Criminal Code* in addressing elder abuse.
27. That any section of the *Criminal Code* found during the review to be inadequate either in its provision or in its enforcement for addressing elder abuse be redrafted to enable lawyers, judges and police to respond to suspected abuse.

B. Adult Protection Legislation

The Committee recommends:

28. That the federal government, through the Minister of Justice, work with the provinces to undertake a study of the adult protection legislation enacted in several jurisdictions across Canada in order to