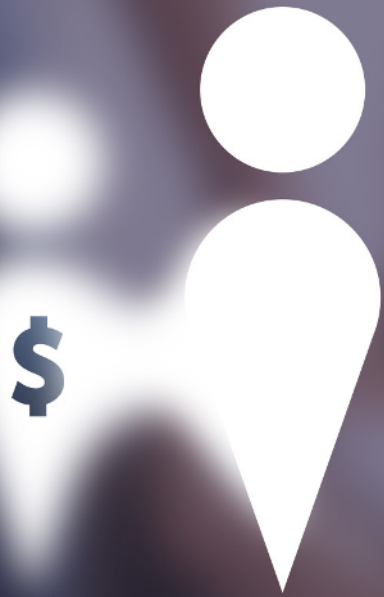


# FINANCIAL ABUSE

AS A FORM OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE



Financial abuse involves behaviors that control a woman's ability to gain and use economic resources, impacting their ability to be economically independent and self-sufficient

## CONTROL

- WITHHOLDING FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM A PARTNER
- LIMITING OR DECIDING HOW MUCH A PARTNER CAN SPEND
- EXCLUDING A PARTNER FROM IMPORTANT FINANCIAL DECISIONS
- GIVING A PARTNER AN ALLOWANCE
- MONITORING A PARTNER'S SPENDING
- TAKING A PARTNER'S PAY CHECK

## EXPLOITATION

- BUILDING UP DEBT IN A PARTNER'S NAME
- STEALING FROM A PARTNER
- SPENDING THE MONEY NEEDED FOR RENT OR OTHER BILLS
- USING THREATS TO DEMAND MONEY FROM A PARTNER

## SABOTAGE

- FORBIDDING A PARTNER FROM WORKING
- CALLING A PARTNER FREQUENTLY WHILE THEY ARE AT WORK
- PREVENTING A PARTNER FROM ATTENDING SCHOOL
- STARTING AN ARGUMENT WITH A PARTNER BEFORE A JOB INTERVIEW

# 50%

of women in shelters  
in Canada have  
experienced financial  
abuse



Financial abuse is a key  
barrier to women fleeing  
violence and can continue  
after separation



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