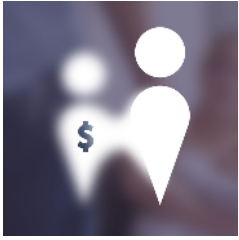


FINANCIAL ABUSE

AS A FORM OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE



What is it?

Financial abuse as a form of intimate partner violence involves behaviours that control a woman's ability to gain and use economic resources. It is a common tactic used by abusers to isolate women and prevent women from being financially independent.

Signs of financial abuse

- Does your partner limit or decide how much you can spend?
- Does your partner make you feel as though you can't manage your money?
- Do simple financial questions lead to an argument with your partner?
- Do you work for the family business without pay?
- Does your partner make threats to cut you off financially?
- Does your partner harass you while you are at work?
- Does your partner give you an allowance?
- Do you have to account for your spending, including showing receipts?
- Does your partner open credit cards in your name without your knowledge?
- Does your partner prevent you from working or going to school?
- Does your partner withhold financial information from you?

Getting help



Make copies and store your financial documents in a safe space.



Open your own bank account.



Request a credit report.



Access a domestic violence agency in your community for advice and support.



Access a credit counselling service in your community.



Visit your bank and ask questions about your accounts.



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