

THE EXPERIENCE OF FINANCIAL ABUSE

Survivors describe financial abuse as ongoing control over their finances, where access to money, decision-making, and independence are restricted.

These insights are based on a WomanACT survey (103) and interviews (10) with women and gender-diverse people in Ontario with lived experience of intimate partner violence.

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36%

said their partner took their benefits (disability payments, student loan payments, or child tax benefit) and used it for themselves.

34%

said their partner damaged their credit score by refusing to pay bills or misusing their credit.

59%

said their partner got angry about how they spent their money.

44%

had to ask their partner if they wanted to access money.

20%

said partners made changes to their bank account without permission.

19%

said their partners withheld passwords to their bank accounts.

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