

# Financial Abuse

Financial abuse, also called economic abuse is when the perpetrator keeps victims financially dependent on them so that they find it almost impossible to leave and stop the abuse. Financial abuse is when you are denied access to the family finances, so you are reliant on them to pay for food, bills and medication. Many victims are denied access to bank accounts, identification, or their own passports. Perpetrators will either make victims turn over their social welfare money or child benefit and pressure them into taking loans out. The elderly are often victims of financial abuse.

Examples of Financial Abuse:

- Refusing to pay for anything child related, insisting you use social welfare payments, leaving you with no resources.
- Demanding your pay or welfare supports.
- Withholding physical resources such as food, clothes, necessary medications, or shelter.
- Preventing working or choosing an occupation.
- Won't allow you a bank account or access to money.
- Pressuring you into taking out loans in your name and turning the funds over to them.
- Keeps you financially dependent on them.