



Financial abuse is a systematic behaviour where one person tries to control another person's access to money. This kind of abuse often occurs between partners or other family members.

FINANCIALLY ABUSIVE BEHAVIOURS

Controlling a family member's money:

- Taking control of someone else's finances (e.g. being in charge of all the household income and paying the other person an allowance).
- Controlling how all of the household income is spent.
- Forcing a family member to claim social security benefits like Centrelink.
- Making a family member go guarantor on a loan or take a loan out in their name.
- Making a family member take out a second credit card.
- Forcing a family member to work in a family business without being paid.
- Filing fraudulent insurance claims.
- Forging a family member's signature on financial documents.
- Taking money out of a family member's pension.
- Selling a family member's possessions without permission.
- Misusing an Enduring Power of Attorney.
- Forcing a family member to change their will.

Stopping a family member from earning their own money:

- Stopping a family member from getting a job or going to work.
- Stopping a family member from going to work or important meetings by keeping them up all night or physically hurting them.
- Stopping a family member from studying.
- Stalking or harassing a family member's colleagues.

Limiting a family member's access to money:

- Not giving a family member access to bank accounts.
- Denying a family member access to money so they can't afford basic expenses like food or medicine.
- Destroying, damaging or stealing property.
- Racking up debt on shared accounts or joint credit cards.
- Withholding financial support like child support payments.
- Refusing to work or contribute anything to the household income.
- Gambling away a family member's money or shared money.

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