

ECONOMIC ABUSE FACT SHEET

What is economic abuse?

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

A pattern of coercive behaviors within a relationship, whereby one person uses tactics of power and control over the other person, over a period of time.

Physical Abuse

Sexual Abuse

Emotional Abuse

Stalking

Economic Abuse

An abuser's distinct tactics to control a partner's ability to acquire, access, and maintain economic resources, to hinder her economic self-sufficiency, and to damage her economic self-efficacy.

Economic Control

- Partner demanding to know how money was spent
- Partner making important financial decisions without prior discussion
- Keeping financial information from her
- Making her ask for more money
- Demanding her to give receipts and/or change after spending money

Employment Sabotage

- Partner keeps her from going to work
- Partner demands she quits her job
- Partner threatens her to make her leave work
- Beats her up if she said she needed to get a job
- Showing up at her work to harass/embarrass her to jeopardize her job

Economic Exploitation

- Paying bills late/not paying bills that were in her name
- Spending money needed for rent or bills
- Build up debt under her name (i.e. by using her credit card)
- Excessive gambling
- Purposefully ruining her credit score with the intent of keeping her solely dependent on him

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