

## SIGNS OF FINANCIAL ABUSE

Financial abuse is behaviour that seeks to control someone else's money. It can come in many forms. Here is a short list of signs to look out for.

### CONTROLLING YOUR BANK ACCOUNT:

- Controlling how your money is spent
- Taking your benefits, pensions or income



### TAKING DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS WITHOUT PERMISSION



### RESTRICTING YOUR ACCESS TO A CAR OR PHONE



### MAKING FINANCIAL DECISIONS WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT

- Taking out loans
- Selling your things
- Changing your will
- Buying things with your card



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### BORROWING MONEY IN YOUR NAME

- This is called 'debt coercion'



### KEEPING FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM YOU:

- Opening your letters
- Accessing your online accounts



### LOWERING YOUR CREDIT SCORE



### REFUSING TO LET YOU WORK

- Not letting you work
- Not letting you see family and friends
- Preventing your education

