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6 manifestations of financial violence



In the context of intimate partner violence (IPV), abusers use various means to establish their power and control the victim's choices. Violent behaviours aimed at controlling the victim's finances are very common. Such forms of violence can be very subtle at first, gradually shoring up the abuser's control until he*controls the family's financial decisions and wealth. This results in financial dependency and may affects the victim's ability to meet her own basic needs and those of her children in the event of a separation. Here are some manifestations of economic violence:

1 Controlling spending and financial management

Criticizing her purchases; monitoring personal credit card statements; ridiculing the way she manages her money; imposing his choices on financial decisions concerning the victim and the family; etc.

2 Stealing money

Taking cash without permission; using a bank card or credit card without the victim's consent; using money from a joint account in violation of their initial agreement; demanding money using force or threats; etc.

3 Identity fraud

Using known information (birth date, mother's maiden name, etc.) to impersonate the victim and obtain credit cards, incurring debts in her name, etc.;

4 Manipulating or limiting access to family finances

Lying about his own personal financial situation or the family's financial situation; concealing personal income; hiding important bills and notices; etc.

5 Controlling the victim's professional choices

Pressuring the victim to quit working or reduce her work hours (often through guilt about the children's needs); limiting the victim's professional development by preventing her from studying; controlling which jobs she can apply for, forcing her to refuse promotions.; creating problems for her at work, including absenteeism or difficulty concentrating; forcing the victim to work in his own business for little or no money; etc.

6 Using money as leverage to gain (or regain) power

Threatening to "cut her off," or to quit his job to avoid paying alimony or child support, stop paying joint debts, etc.

SOS VIOLENCE CONJUGALE IS AVAILABLE 24/7 ACROSS QUEBEC, AND PROVIDES ACCESS TO ALL THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV) AND ANYONE WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT A SITUATION OF IPV.

* Although most victims of intimate partner violence are female, some men can also be victimized.