



DOMESTIC ABUSE INTERVENTION SERVICES

Domestic Violence Affects Us All

How Economic Abuse Affects Victims of Domestic Violence...

Economic abuse, or financial abuse, is a power and control tactic used by abusers that prevents victims from acquiring, using or maintaining financial resources. Aspects of economic abuse may include:

- Controlling how money is spent or preventing their spouse from accessing a bank or credit card
- Forcing victims to work and be the sole source of income and then denying them access to their money
- Withholding access to basic living resources, transportation, medication or food
- Not allowing their partner to work, go to school or earn money
- Stealing their partner's identity, money, credit or property
- Sabotaging work or employment opportunities by stalking or harassing the victim at the workplace or causing the victim to lose her job

Statistics on Financial Abuse

- Financial abuse occurs in 98% of DV relationships¹.
- Nearly 8 million days of paid work each year are lost due to domestic violence issues-the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs².
- 96% of domestic violence victims who are employed experience problems at work due to abuse³.
- 57% of cities cite domestic violence against women and children as the top cause of homelessness⁴.
- Approximately 6 out of 10 Americans strongly agree that the lack of money and a steady income is often a challenge faced by a survivor of domestic violence when leaving her/his abuser⁵.

Financial Barriers to Leaving Victims Face...

- 1) Approval for housing rental and paying a security deposit
- 2) Finding a job with little or inconsistent work experience
- 3) Health insurance and other benefits lost
- 4) Transportation
- 5) Credit card debt and poor credit or other debt (student loans, car payment, etc.)

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