



# Financial Abuse

**95%** of women experiencing domestic violence also experience financial abuse\*

Financial abuse is a form of gender-based violence that involves behaviours to control a woman's ability to earn, access or use money.

Financial abuse often continues long after the relationship ends.

## Signs of Financial Abuse

Does your partner:

- Limit or decide how much you can spend?
- Take or hide your identification?
- Open accounts, credit cards or lines of credit in your name without your consent?
- Take or use your bank card?
- Harass you at work or school?
- Get angry when talking about your finances?
- Remove your access to your joint accounts or credit cards?
- Hide information about finances?
- Monitor your online banking?
- Damage your property? (i.e. cellphone)

## What To Do

-  Change your passwords
-  Request a credit report (Equifax and Transunion)
-  Open your own bank account at a new bank or credit union
-  Keep copies of your financial information in a safe place
-  Meet with a specialized Financial Health Counsellor through Thunder Bay Counselling
-  Reach out to your local women's organization

## Where to Get Support

-  **Call** 807-346-HELP (4357)  
beendigen.com  
Thunder Bay, ON
-  **Call** 807-684-1880  
tbaycounselling.com  
Thunder Bay, ON
-  **Call** 807-345-7802  
nwowomenscentre.org  
Thunder Bay, ON
-  **Call** 807-345-0450  
**Text** 807-700-5011  
fayepeterson.org  
Thunder Bay, ON
-  **Call** 807-854-1529  
shorturl.at/i6L2A  
Geraldton, ON
-  **Call** 807-229-2223  
**Text** 807-699-7750  
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Marathon, ON

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