

HEALING THE DAMAGE OF ECONOMIC ABUSE

Economic abuse happens when someone uses money to control their partner. It includes actions to limit, prevent them from earning income or getting the title of the person's name.

Economic Abuse Goes Hand-in-Hand with Domestic Violence

20 people are victims of **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** every minute that's over **10 MILLION** per year

94-99% of domestic violence victims have also experienced economic abuse

Domestic Violence Hurts Victim's Ability to Earn Income

Domestic violence victims lose **8 MILLION DAYS** of work each year

64% of domestic violence victims say the abuse negatively affected their ability to work

21-60% of victims lose their jobs due to reasons stemming from the abuse

The Cost of Intimate Partner Violence is High

1 IN 4 men & **1 IN 3** women will face intimate partner violence in their lifetime

The cost of this violence exceeds **\$9.3 BILLION** each year

Only **34%** of people who are injured by their partner receive medical care

Examples of Economic Abuse

- Withholding access to bank accounts and funds
- Taking paychecks and controlling household spending
- Deciding how and when a partner can use cash or credit
- Prevention of obtaining or keeping gainful employment
- Interfering with workplace performance through harassment
- Refusing to pay court-ordered child or spousal support
- Stealing or destroying a victim's belongings
- Repeatedly filing costly lawsuits

Examples of Coerced Debt

- Running up a partner's credit card balances
- Forcing a partner to take out loans
- Opening loans and credit cards in a partner's name
- Refinancing a home or car without the partner's knowledge
- Forcing a partner to sign financial documents, such as life insurance

If you're facing domestic abuse and you need help, don't wait!

Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at **1-800-799-SAFE (7233)**

Take advantage of nonprofit resources that can help you escape.

If you need to take on credit card debt to get out, do it!

Once you're out, find your power in financial freedom

1. Build a budget that helps you save to reach key goals, like getting an apartment
2. Use debt consolidation to find relief from any credit card debt you took on
3. Make sure your ex no longer has an access to your bank accounts
4. Remove them as an authorized user from any credit card accounts
5. Report unauthorized use for what it is - identity theft! File a police report

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