

Financial Abuse

Financial abuse occurs when someone controls a person's financial resources without the person's consent or misuses those resources.

Financial abuse includes, but is not limited to:

- Not allowing the person to participate in educational programs
- Forcing the person to work outside the home
- Refusing to let the person work outside the home or attend school
- Controlling the person's choice of occupation
- Illegally or improperly using a person's money, assets or property
- Acts of fraud; pulling off a scam against a person
- Taking funds from the person without permission for one's own use
- Misusing funds through lies, trickery, controlling or withholding money
- Not allowing access to bank accounts, savings, or other income
- Giving an allowance and then requiring justification for all money spent
- Persuading the person to buy a product or give away money
- Selling the house, furnishings or other possessions without permission
- Forging a signature on pension cheques or legal documents
- Misusing a power of attorney, an enduring power of attorney or legal guardianship
- Not paying bills
- Opening mail without permission
- Living in a person's home without paying fairly for expenses
- Destroying personal property