

Economic abuse screening tool: condensed

Quick start guidance: Economic abuse is a form of domestic abuse when a current or ex-partner controls a victim-survivor's money and economic resources (housing, employment, food or clothing).

Purpose of this tool: This tool helps identify whether someone may be experiencing economic abuse so that appropriate support can be offered.

Why it matters: Economic abuse can trap people in dangerous situations and increase the risk of harm. Access to money and resources is often key to being able to escape and rebuild their lives.

Briefing your client

We're going to ask a few questions about your access to money and resources. This is because some people experience control or harm in this area. These questions could relate to a partner, ex-partner, or family member.

Your answers will help us understand your situation and how best to support you.

Please answer based on when things have been at their worst. If anything is unclear, just let me know.

Quick Screening Tool

Restrict:

- **Do they restrict or control access to your money?** This may include monitoring your spending, making you ask for money, limiting what you can spend, or preventing you from accessing your own account or card – even for essentials like food or bills?

Exploit:

- **Do they use your money, credit, or belongings for their own benefit without your consent or through pressure?** This may include pressuring or forcing you to take out loans, use your credit or debit card, or take your belongings in ways that leave you in financial difficulty or debt.

Sabotage:

- **Do they interfere with your ability to be financially secure or independent?** This may include preventing you from working or studying, disrupting your employment, or damaging your belongings, so you have to go without or replace them.