



# Financial abuse

**Commonwealth Bank** 



Easy English



## Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

## You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about



• find more information.

### About this book



This book is written by Commonwealth Bank.

This book is about **financial abuse**.

Financial abuse means someone uses

your money

- when you do **not** say yes
- when you do **not** want them to



• to control you.





Who can be a victim?

Anyone can be a **victim** of financial abuse.

A victim is the person who is abused.



Some people are more likely to be a victim. For example

• women with disabilities



• women with serious health problems.



### Are you a victim?

It can be hard to know if you are a victim of financial abuse.

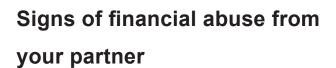


There are **signs** of financial abuse to look for.

Signs are clues that could mean you are a victim of financial abuse.



We can help you look for signs of financial abuse and show you where to get help.





Your partner might

• stop you from going to work



• **not** pay child support



• tell you how to spend your money



 want to see the receipts after you go shopping.

#### Other signs of financial abuse



Financial abuse can also mean someone

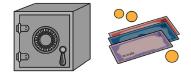
• tells you **not** to make or spend your money



 makes you ask for your own money or only gives money if you do a favour



 makes you take out a loan or cash even when you say **no**



• keeps their money secret from you



 makes you work for your family business and not get paid properly.



## More help

It is a good idea to get advice before you make changes to your money.



You might talk to an expert or support person.

You can see full information on our website.



Website

commbank.com.au/recogniseandrecover

### Get help for financial abuse



1800RESPECT is a free service that can help you with financial abuse.



Website <u>1800respect.org.au</u>



Call 1800 737 732



1800RESPECT do **not** tell anyone your information.



### More information

For more information contact Commonwealth Bank.



Call us 13 22 21

6 am to 10 pm



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Website

nrschat.nrscall.gov.au/nrs/internetrelay

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