**Financial abuse**

Across our nations we have shared our resources with our communities and neighbours for tens of thousands of years.

Today we’re going to have a yarn about when this doesn’t happen in a proper way.

When someone tries to control or manage how we spend our money, this is called financial abuse.

Financial abuse is a form of domestic and family violence.

Some of the signs to look out for are someone, often a partner or ex:

* Excessive humbugging you or telling you how to spend your money
* Not paying child support
* Making you ask for your own money
* Making you take out cash or a give a loan even if you say no

Financial abuse can happen to anyone but mostly impacts women, including women with disabilities or serious health problems.

If you’re worried about yourself or a loved one, don’t feel shame to ask for help

Call the free and confidential 1800RESPECT phone line for support on 1800 737 732.

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