



# The Economic Abuse Wheel (Sharp, 2008)

### Using coercion and threats

Threatening to deny her access to economic assets such as the telephone and car; threatening to throw her out the house; saying that if she leaves him he will not give any money to her and the children

Using economic abuse Preventing her from

CE: making her perform sexual favours for getting or keeping a job; making her ask for money; giving her an allowance; taking her money; not letting her know about or have access to family income (unchanged)

## **Using intimidation**

Destroying her property; threatening to beat her up if she refuses to give him money; refusing to pay child maintenance; using money as a source of power with which to threaten her, for example, by taking her to court

# Using emotional abuse

Telling her she is worthless; making her feel worthless by making her account for every penny; making her feel worthless by denying her basic necessities and making her feel 'cheap'

# Using male privilege

Telling her that he should have all the money as head of the household; making all the big decisions about financial issues; defining her role by not letting her work; exploiting her existing economic disadvantage HOIN HANAUS

#### Using children

**Economic** power and control

Taking the child benefit, child tax credit, child savings and birthday money; refusing to pay for nappies, milk and clothes; destroying the children's property; stealing the children's belongings

## Using isolation

pHVSICAL VIOLENCE: using physical force Not giving her any money to go anywhere or to do anything; stopping her from going to work and seeing colleagues; not allowing her to use the telephone; destroying her to get money address book

#### Minimizing, denying and blaming

Telling her he only does it because she lets him; telling her she'll spend the money unless he looks after it for her; telling her she wastes money on 'silly' things; telling her that she makes him destroy her things

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