



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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