

7.3 Checklist: Am I At Risk Of Being Financially Abused?

Topic 7: Financial Abuse

If you fall under one or more of these scenarios you may be at risk for being financially abused.

| I have trouble paying bills because they are confusing to me. |
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| I don't feel confident making big financial decisions alone. |
| I don't understand decisions that someone else is making for me about my money or property |
| I give loans or gifts that are more than I can afford. |
| I'm coerced into providing food, shelter, child care or other services to people without being paid or fairly compensated. |
| I'm receiving little or no money for the work I do, including child care. |
| My children, or others around me, are pressuring me to give them money or property. |
| People are contacting me and asking for money. |
| Someone is accessing my accounts without my permission. |
| Someone is cashing my pension cheque or other cheques without my permission. |
| I've felt pressured or forced to make a purchase that I don't want or need. |
| I've felt forced into signing a power of attorney, changing my will, or selling my house. |
| I've felt pressured to sign legal or financial documents that I don't understand. |
| Money seems to be disappearing from my accounts and I don't know where it is going. |
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Source: Alberta Health (Protecting Against Financial Abuse)