



If you see one or more of these following scenarios happening over time, financial abuse may be occurring.

- They seem isolated or withdrawn.
- There's a sudden or unexpected change in living arrangements.
- They show signs of depression or mental illness.
- They're assuming financial responsibility for a family member such as an adult child or spouse.
- They exhibit an unusual fear or sudden change in feelings about a particular person or people.
- They have a change in appearance, such as poor hygiene or sudden weight loss.
- They're frequently accompanied by someone who appears overly protective or controlling.
- They need to "ask permission" from someone before making a purchase, paying a bill or spending money.
- There's a change in their ability to perform daily activities, such as self-care, management of finances or medication.
- There's a noticeable discrepancy between their income and their standard of living.
- They're suddenly unable to pay their bills.
- There are unusual financial transactions such as unexplained bank withdrawals or unusual purchases.
- Hearing comments about an older person that suggest a false sense of entitlement, such as: "it's my inheritance" or "they owe me".

Source: Alberta Health (Protecting Against Financial Abuse)