



What is financial abuse?



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Financial abuse is when someone:



- takes your money



- stops you having a say in how your money is spent



- makes you pay for other people's things



All of these things are wrong.

Anyone could abuse you, including:



- family



- friends



- carers or other people who support you



- neighbours or people you live with



- people you work with



- members of your community.

What is mate crime?



Mate crime is when people you think are your friends take advantage of you.

Mate crime can be when:



- a friend always borrows your phone and uses all the credit



- a friend takes you out and spends all your money



- you are always the person who pays for dinner or drinks.

Things to remember



Not all your friends want to take advantage of you.



Your friends are probably good friends.



But it is ok to speak up if someone is not treating you fairly.



You have rights and people should believe what you tell them.

You might feel too scared to:



- speak out



- stop them.



You might not know how to get help.



They might make it hard for you to tell anyone.



If financial abuse happens to you, it is important to speak out.



You should tell someone you trust as soon as you can.

Who can help you?



If you have been financially abused call the
WA Police on
13 1444



An advocate is a person who can help you or
speak up for you.

If you would like support from an advocate,
call People With Disabilities WA on
(08) 9485 8900

or
1800 193 331



If you want to make a complaint about a disability
service, call the Health and Disability Service
Complaints Office (HADSCO) on
(08) 6551 7600



If you want to report financial abuse, call the
Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline on
1800 880 052



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