

POWER AND CONTROL

Coercion & Threats

Threatening to falsely report service providers to withhold basic assistance and leave the woman without support.
Denying or making fun of abuse and pain (physical and emotional) experienced by women with disability.
Refusing to provide support unless compliance or sex is returned.
Threatening to take children away or not provide care for them.

Intimidation

Creating fear through actions, looks, or gestures. Mistreating pets or service animals and destroying property.

Emotional Abuse

Belittling a person or using their disability as a means to punish or ridicule. Threatening to institutionalise or use behaviour programs that the woman does not consent to.

Caregiver Privilege

Providing care in a manner that increases reliance on the perpetrator and increases the vulnerability of the woman. Refusing privacy in intimate moments or treating the woman like a child. Making decisions that harm the woman and denying her full capacity. Excusing abuse as caregiver stress to manage behaviour.

Isolation

Withholding access to phone, TV, or the news. Denying access to friends, family, employment and social opportunities, support services or advocates.

Economic Abuse

Using a woman's money and funded supports for own personal benefit. Making financial decisions or limiting financial information that places the woman at risk of poverty. Using money as a reward to gain compliant behaviour.

Minimise, Justify & Blame

Blaming the woman's disability as a reason for abuse or violence. Denying any wrongdoing or excusing the abuse as caregiver stress.

Withhold, Misuse or Delay Needed Supports

Threatening to remove caregiving supports and leave the woman unattended. Purposefully breaking equipment or threats to break equipment such as mobility aids and communication devices. Not following safety instructions or using the equipment to torture.