



My ex-boyfriend wanted a home theatre system but only my name was on the rental contract. Now he's got the goods and I'm still paying.

This is
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE!

#financialabuse

'Only MY name was on the lease. He trashed the place and dumped me. I am the one left to pay, both financially and with my reputation.'

'My ex-boyfriend maxed out my credit card without me knowing. I will be paying it off 'till I'm grey.'

'I went guarantor for my boyfriend's car loan. He crashed the car, it wasn't insured. Then he dumped me. Now I owe thousands of dollars.'

FINANCIAL ABUSE is a form of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE is a CRIME.

The Family Violence Protection Act 2008 states that women and their children can be protected from the following forms of family violence - physical, sexual, emotional/psychological, social, economic, racial, spiritual or cultural abuse.

Contact:

Consumer Action Law Centre

1300 881 020 <http://consumeraction.org.au/>

National Financial Counselling Hot Line

1800 007 007 To locate your local FC go to: www.moneysmart.gov.au/managing-my-money/managing-debts/financial-counselling

Community Legal Centres provide free legal info.

To locate your local community legal centre go to: www.nalc.org.au/clc_directory.php

No Interest Loans (NILS)

To find a local provider go to: <http://goodshepherdmicrofinance.org.au/find-provider>

Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service

1800 015 188 www.wdvcs.org.au

Victims of Crime

1800 000 055 www.victimsofcrime.com.au

Victims Support Helpline

1800 819 817 www.justice.vic.gov.au/home/victims/

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