



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT

An assessment of risk to victims of domestic/family violence must include consideration of:

- the victim's own assessment of their safety and risk levels
- identification of factors which indicate an increased likelihood of reoccurrence of violence
- the professional judgement of the assessor

Victim: FORENSIC / NANCY MARGARET

Agency / File No.: N/A

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| SECTION A - OFFENDER | Presence of factor | | | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|---|
| | Yes/No (Y/N) | In past 14 days | > 14 days | |
| Behaviour: | | | | |
| Has threatened to assault/harm the victim | 2 | Y | 2 | 0 |
| Has threatened to use a weapon (including firearm) against the victim | 2 | Y | 0 | 2 |
| Has threatened to kill the victim | 5 | Y | 5 | |
| Has physically assaulted the victim | 4 | Y | 4 | 0 |
| Has physically used a weapon (including firearm) against the victim during an assault | 4 | N | 0 | |
| Has assaulted the victim outside of the home environment | 4 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Has breached an intervention/restraining order | 2 | Y | 2 | 0 |
| Has held a victim against their will in a location or otherwise impeded their freedom | 4 | Y | 0 | 4 |
| Has used violence/threats of violence against other family members | 3 | Y | 0 | 3 |
| Has used violence/threats of violence against non-family members | 3 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Has harmed or threatened to harm family pets/other animals | 3 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Has threatened or attempted suicide | 4 | Y | 4 | |
| Has a prior arrest for murder/manslaughter/rape or sexual assault | 4 | N | 0 | |
| Has a history of domestic violence against a previous partner(s) | 4 | N | 0 | |
| Personality Characteristics: | | | | |
| Is highly controlling/manipulative | 3 | Y | 3 | 0 |
| Attitude and/or cultural beliefs support violence towards women/children/elderly | 3 | Y | 3 | 0 |
| Has demonstrated a sudden change in personality or behaviour | 2 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Situational Factors | | | | |
| Has access to firearms | 3 | Y | 3 | 0 |
| Is unemployed | 1 | Y | 1 | 0 |
| Drug and/or alcohol misuse/dependency present | 4 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Experiences depression or has other mental health issues | 2 | Y | 0 | 2 |
| Is not taking prescribed medication | 2 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Is experiencing financial problems, not normal to the offender | 1 | Y | 1 | 0 |
| Has witnessed or experienced violence in their 'family of origin' (as a child/during upbringing) | 2 | Y | 2 | 0 |
| SECTION B - VICTIM | <i>Subtotal (A)</i> | | 30 | |
| Perceptions / Beliefs: | | | | |
| Expresses/indicates through actions that they are afraid of the offender | 2 | Y | 2 | 0 |
| Expresses/indicates through actions that their level of fear of the offender is extreme (feels terror) | 4 | Y | 4 | 0 |
| Believes the offender is capable of killing victim/children | 5 | Y | 5 | |
| Vulnerability Factors: | | | | |
| Victim reports an escalation in the seriousness and/or frequency of the violence | 5 | Y | 5 | |
| Victims injuries are not consistent with the explanation/account of the incident | 3 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Is isolated (geographic reasons/actions of offender to restrict contact with family or friends) | 5 | Y | 5 | |
| Is isolated for cultural reasons (lack of support from cultural community) | 4 | N | 0 | |
| Experiences depression or has other mental health issues | 1 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Verbalised or had suicidal ideas, or tried to commit suicide | 2 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Drug and/or alcohol misuse/dependency present | 1 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Has a disability or frailty which impairs physical activity/mobility | 2 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Has a disability or frailty which impairs cognitive/sensory functioning (deaf, intellectual, dementia) | 2 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Is financially dependent on the offender | 1 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Is dependent on the offender for their physical care (illness/infirmity/age/dementia/disability) | 2 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Is dependent on the offender for their residential status in this country | 2 | Y | 0 | 2 |
| SECTION C - CHILDREN | <i>Subtotal (B)</i> | | 21 | |
| Vulnerability Factors: | | | | |
| Present at, or witness to, incidents of violence | 1 | Y | 1 | 0 |
| Under school age (not yet commenced primary school) | 2 | Y | 2 | 0 |
| Subject to threats of harm from the offender | 2 | Y | 0 | 2 |
| Subject to actual harm/assault from the offender | 4 | Y | 4 | |
| Subject to threats to kill from the offender | 5 | Y | 5 | |
| Offender has access to children (is aware of where they live/attend school/shared care/contact) | 1 | Y | 1 | 0 |
| Child from another relationship in the home | 1 | N | 0 | 0 |
| Perceptions / Beliefs: | | | | |
| Expresses/indicates through actions that they are afraid of the offender | 2 | Y | 2 | 0 |
| Refusing or stating unwillingness to have contact with the offender | 2 | Y | 2 | 0 |
| SECTION C - CHILDREN | <i>Subtotal (C)</i> | | 17 | |

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| SECTION D - INTIMATE PARTNERS | | Presence of factor | | |
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| | | Yes/No (Y/N) | In past 14 days | > 14 days |
| Victim is pregnant or there has been a recent birth in the family (child under 12 months) | 5 | N | 0 | |
| There has been a recent separation or the victim wishes to separate | 5 | Y | 5 | |
| There is an actual or perceived new partner in the victim's life | 4 | N | 0 | |
| Offender has strangled or choked the victim during an assault | 5 | N | 0 | |
| Offender has used sexual violence or coerced victim into unwanted sexual practices | 4 | Y | 4 | |
| Offender has stalked the victim | 4 | Y | 4 | |
| Offender appears obsessed with the victim and/or children | 5 | Y | 5 | |
| Offender appears jealous, bitter or hostile towards the victim and/or children | 2 | Y | 2 | 0 |
| Offender has recently been denied or restricted access or contact with children | 4 | Y | 4 | |
| <i>Subtotal (D)</i> | | | 24 | |
| (Add the scores of the 'In past 14 days' column to determine current risk level) | | | Risk Score Total: | |
| | | | 92 | |

| VICTIMS OWN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR SAFETY AND RISK LEVELS |
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| <p>1. How frequently and seriously does the offender intimidate, threaten or injure you and/or your children? Daily.</p> |
| <p>2. Describe the most frightening event/worst incident of violence suffered at the hands of the offender? The husband errified the children with punishments that go as far as locking them in the bathroom, hanging them from the foot (upside down), or physically beating them. He also poisoned or drugged them while they lived together.</p> |
| <p>3. How has the offender's behaviour impacted on your safety and the safety of your children? Mia was emotionally very affected. The girl wished to have a brick house where her father couldn't enter. Both children consistently received messages from their father telling them that nobody loved them, nobody wanted them, and if they spoke about what happened at home, he would take them to a distant forest. Derek (the father) sometimes punished Mia by leaving her alone in the darkness in the backyard late at night, without apparent reason.</p> |

| Worker's comments as to any other factors / circumstances which may affect the level of risk |
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| <p>The police often fail to effectively address domestic violence and may lack a comprehensive understanding of the true implications of a Protection From Abuse (PFA) order and how to enforce it. Other actors in the legal system judge the person instead judge the facts and fail to protect the victims too.</p> |

| OVERALL ASSESSED RISK - PAST 14 DAYS | |
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| Standard | 0 - 23 <input type="checkbox"/> ← |
| Medium | 24 - 44 <input type="checkbox"/> ← |
| High | 45 + <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ← |
| <p><small>A score of standard or medium risk may be overridden through the exercise of professional judgement, if you believe a victim to be at a higher level of risk. In these instances, provide a brief explanation in the Worker's comments above.</small></p> <p><small>If you select this box, please consider the QUESTION OF IMMINENCY required for referring to a Family Safety Meeting. Take all immediate steps to mitigate the high risk.</small></p> | |
| <Agency specific instructions can be added here> | |

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| Worker Name: _____ | Agency: _____ |
| Email: _____ | Phone: _____ |
| Signature: _____ | Date: ____ / ____ / ____ |

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| Supervisor's Signature: _____ | Date: ____ / ____ / ____ |
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