

Danger Assessment



Several risk factors have been associated with homicides of both batterers and battered women. If you detect that the client is in an abusive situation it is important to determine how many of the risk factors apply to their situation.

Place a check mark beside the questions that are answered with a yes.

- Has the physical violence increased in frequency over the past six months/year?
- Has the physical violence increased in severity over the past six months/year or have threats been made with a weapon?
- Does your partner ever try to choke you?
- Is there a gun in the house?
- Does your partner threaten to kill you and/or do you believe he/she is capable of killing you?
- Is your partner drunk or high every day or almost everyday?
- Does your partner control most or all of your daily activities? For instance, does he/she tell you whom you can be friends with, how much money you can spend or when you can use the car?
- Have you ever been beaten by your partner while you were pregnant?
- Is your partner violently and consistently jealous of you? For instance say, "If I can't have you, no one can."
- Have you ever thought about, threatened or attempted to commit suicide?
- Is your partner violent outside of the home?
- Do you plan to leave? Do you have a safety plan in place? i.e. Where will you go? Do you have a suitcase with extra clothes, keys, important documents, medication, etc.
- What do you think will happen between you and your partner in the new future?
- Are you expecting a violent attack?

Assessment adapted from www.dangerassessment.org

If the client answered yes to at least three of these questions discuss choices, resources, and refer the client to Interact. Inform the client that Interact will assist them with a safe place to stay, restraining orders, developing a safety plan and counseling services for her and her children.

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