



DANGER ASSESSMENT

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Several risk factors have been associated with increased risk of homicides (murders) of women and men in violent relationships. We cannot predict what will happen in your case, but we would like you to be aware of the danger of homicide in situations of abuse and for you to see how many of the risk factors apply to your situation.

Using the calendar, please mark the approximate dates during the past year when you were abused by your partner or ex-partner. Write on that date how bad the incident was according to the following scale:

1. Slapping, pushing; no injuries and/or lasting pain
2. Punching, kicking; bruises, cuts, and/or continuing pain
3. "Beating up"; severe contusions, burns, broken bones
4. Threat to use weapon; head injury, internal injury, permanent injury
5. Use of weapon; wounds from weapon

(If any of the descriptions for the higher number apply, use the higher number.) Check off Yes or No for each of the following:		"Yes" Points	Total
Yes	No		
_____	_____	1. Has the physical violence increased in severity or frequency over the past year?	+1 _____
_____	_____	2. Does your partner own a gun?	+5 _____
_____	_____	3. Have you left your partner after living together during the past year?	+4 _____
_____	_____	3a. (If you have <i>never</i> lived with your partner, check here___)	-3 _____
_____	_____	4. Is your partner unemployed?	+4 _____
_____	_____	5. Has your partner ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a lethal weapon? (If yes, was the weapon a gun?___)	+3 _____
_____	_____	6. Does your partner threaten to kill you?	+3 _____
_____	_____	7. Has your partner avoided being arrested for domestic violence?	+3 _____
_____	_____	8. Do you have a child that is not your partners?	+2 _____
_____	_____	9. Has your partner ever forced you to have sex when you did not wish to do so?	+2 _____
_____	_____	10. Does your partner ever try to strangle you?	+1 _____
_____	_____	11. Does your partner use illegal drugs? By drugs, I mean "uppers" or amphetamines, "meth", speed, angel dust, cocaine, "crack", street drugs or mixtures.	+1 _____
_____	_____	12. Is your partner an alcoholic or problem drinker?	+1 _____



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| _____ | 13. Does your partner control most or all of your daily activities? For instance: do they tell you who you can be friends with, when you can see your family, how much money you can use, or when you can take the car? (If they try, but you do not let them, check here: ___) | +1 | _____ |
| _____ | 14. Is your partner violently and constantly jealous of you? (For instance, do they say "If I can't have you, no one can.") | +1 | _____ |
| _____ | 15. Have you ever been beaten by your partner while you were pregnant? (If you have never been pregnant by them, check here: ___) | +1 | _____ |
| _____ | 16. Has your partner ever threatened or tried to commit suicide? | +1 | _____ |
| _____ | 17. Does your partner threaten to harm your children? | +1 | _____ |
| _____ | 18. Do you believe they are capable of killing you? | +1 | _____ |
| _____ | 19. Does your partner follow or spy on you, leave threatening notes or messages, destroy your property, or call you when you don't want them to? | +1 | _____ |
| _____ | 20. Have you ever threatened or tried to commit suicide? | +1 | _____ |

Advocate Signature _____ Total Points _____

Interpretations of Danger Levels

- Less than 8 (**Variable Danger**) – Routine safety planning and monitoring. Inform victim that the level of risk can change quickly and to trust their instincts and to watch for additional signs of danger.
- 8 to 13 (**Increased Danger**) – Safety planning and increased monitoring are important. Advise victim of increased risk and to watch for other signs of danger.
- 14 to 17 (**Severe Danger**) – Advise victim that danger is severe. Be assertive with safety planning; consult with judges, high level of supervision recommendations.
- 18 or more (**Extreme Danger**) – Advise victim of serious danger. Take assertive actions to protect victim – call for criminal justice or other professional help – recommend highest level sanctions for perpetrator such as highest level of probation supervision.