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Safety Planning

Solution focused safety plans

- Inform women of their rights to safety
- Encourage women to take responsibility for their own, and their children's safety
- Review current risk analysis
- Provide options to potential or actual violence
- Identify protections strategies
- Recognise safety planning as a fluid process
- Reassess and re-evaluate strategies

Planning for different situations:

- Living with perpetrator
- Planning to leave the relationship
- Separating and living separately
- Emotional planning
- Work place
- Public place
- Family gatherings

Strengthen safety plans by:

- Identifying options and resources
- Analysing with her how each might affect her risk
- Identify what actions the women and the worker will take
- Developing and implementing a revised plan as required
- Providing enhanced advocacy where required

Enhanced advocacy:

- Increase attention to the victim's situation
- Increased contact with the victim
- The development and immediate implementation of protection strategies (including child protection strategies)
- Advocacy for speedy system responses
- Referrals which ensure a timely & positive response
- Safety plans with children

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