

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT

Name:

Date:

HIGH RISK FACTORS

Total the number for each applicable risk factor

Someone is a risk of dying or suffering serious harm

Victim Perception	Total:	
Victim believes the offender could kill victim/children	10	
Victim is terrified of the offender	3	
Victim is afraid of offender	2	
Child/ren is afraid of offender	2	
Directed Violence to Family Member (Victim/Children)	Total:	
Offender has/attempted to strangle victim on this occasion or in the past	10	
Offender is terrorising and/or sadistic sexual abuse including humiliation/forced sex	5	
Offender has assaulted victim or children in the past	5	
History of violence and the level/frequency of the violence has increased	5	
Offender assaulted victim/children during most recent incident	5	
Offender assaults the victim outside the home	3	
Threatened Violence to Family Member	Total:	
Offender has threatened to kill victim/children in the most recent incident	10	
Children are present/witnessed/threatened during family violence incident	5	
Offender has access/possession of weapons/firearms and has used/threatened to use them	5	
Offender has threatened to harm the victim/children in past	2	
Directed Violence Towards Others	Total:	
Offender has homicidal fantasies	10	
Offender has history of violence against non-family members	5	

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Controlling Behaviour	Total:	
Offender is highly controlling and there has been a recent separation or offender knows the victim is trying to leave the relationship	10	
Offender is increasingly or has socially isolated the victim/child from society/friends	10	
Offender is obsessed with/dependent upon/ stalked the victim during this/past incident	5	
Offender has threatened/attempted suicide during this incident or past incidents	5	
Offender has killed or harmed a family animal	5	
Offender is jealous or bitter towards victim or children	3	
Offender has threatened to kill or harm a family animal	3	
Other Factors	Total:	
Offender has a history of/is a substance abuser	5	
Offender has easy access to victim and children or other family members	5	
Victim and offender have recently separated OR victim wants to separate	5	
Offender has recently been denied custody or access to his children	5	
Offender breached a DVRO during this incident or in past incidents	3	
There is a pregnancy/new birth in the relationship (child under 12 months)	3	
Child/ren are refusing to take access to the offender because they are afraid	3	
There is a child from another relationship within the home	3	
Offender has prior arrest for murder/ manslaughter/rape or sexual assault	3	

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Offender has had a sudden change in behaviour

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Offender was abused by their own parent

3

Offender is unemployed

2

Offender/relationship is suffering financial problems

2

Offender has a mental disorder/illness (including depression)

2

Offender is not taking required medication

2

Victim is more highly educated than the offender

2

Disability/Cultural Issues

Total

This relationship is affected by cultural issues or disability

2

Add the scores of the above seven risk factors

Risk Score Total

OVERALL ASSESSED RISK

Standard 0–23

Medium 24–44

High 45 +

An assessment of **standard** or **medium** risk **does not** negate your responsibility for positive action. Have you adequately addressed the risk to the victim/children and taken action for their safety?

Reporting Worker's name:

Signature: