


**PERSONS AT RISK OF ASSAULT / MURDER:  
SEVERITY OF VIOLENCE MATRIX**

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FACTORS	SERIOUS RISK	SEVERE RISK	ACUTE AND SEVERE RISK
<b>LEVEL OF INJURY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light bruising or very shallow cuts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noticeable bruising, pain in joints, lacerations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long lasting bruising (2+ weeks); or...</li> <li>Sprains, cuts, loss of consciousness; or...</li> <li>Internal injuries, hitting on abdomen during pregnancy; or...</li> <li>Injuries that require medical attention to heal fully or properly.</li> </ul>
<b>HISTORY OF VIOLENCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Throws, breaks, or strikes objects; or...</li> <li>Destroys partner's "special" personal possessions; or...</li> <li>Uses force during arguments (holding down or pushing against the wall).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has hit others but always has an "explanation"; or...</li> <li>Denies responsibility for violent actions by saying he/she was "pushed over the edge"; or...</li> <li>Has forced partner to stay at home for 24 to 48 hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has history of assault causing serious injuries (i.e.: requiring medical attention); or...</li> <li>Has been arrested and charged with assaulting partner; or...</li> <li>Has made attempts to injure or kill; or...</li> <li>Has forced partner to stay at home for two or more days without contact.</li> </ul>
<b>CRIMINAL HISTORY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has had "peace bond"; or...</li> <li>One or two assault charges – no convictions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has violated peace bond; or...</li> <li>Has served time for violent crime; or...</li> <li>Two assault charges or arrests.</li> </ul>
<b>FREQUENCY OF ASSAULT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once or twice per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three to six incidents per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than six incidents per year; or...</li> <li>Occurs monthly or weekly; or...</li> <li>Occurs daily or is likely to occur daily.</li> </ul>
<b>THREATS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vague threats, usually relating to attempting to leave; separation; divorce; child custody; dating others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Threats to kill or injure victim, self or others; or...</li> <li>Specific threats often relating to: attempting to leave; separation; direction; child custody; dating others.</li> </ul>
<b>MONITORING AND/OR STALKING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes occasional phone calls to check on partner's whereabouts; or...</li> <li>Stops by home or partner's work to check on partner now and then.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes daily calls to verify partner's whereabouts; or...</li> <li>Often goes to where partner presently is or where partner says he/she is going in order to check on him/her.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stalks even while under "peace bond"; or...</li> <li>Calls more than once per day to verify whereabouts of partner; or...</li> <li>Has to always know where he/she is and then makes a point of checking that; or...</li> <li>Always knows whereabouts or tracks him/her down even if partner leaves without a forwarding address; or...</li> <li>Follows partner around whether still together or separated.</li> </ul>
<b>UNDUE CONTROLLING BEHAVIOR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses money to limit partner's mobility; or...</li> <li>Insists on determining partner's personal friendships; or...</li> <li>Blames partner for all own personal problems (including work); or...</li> <li>Mood swings – loving to anger.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cruelty to animals or children – teasing to the point of purposeful infliction of pain; or...</li> <li>Wakes partner out of sleep to verbally degrade and humiliate him/her; or...</li> <li>Mood swings – loving to punitive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pushes, shoves, slaps, kicks, punches, chokes, partner and/or children; or...</li> <li>Self inflicts wounds on own body; or...</li> <li>Mood swings – loving to physically vicious.</li> </ul>
<b>USE OF WEAPONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has weapons or martial arts/boxing training; has never used them nor threatened to do so (weapons should be removed).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does have weapons; has never used them but has threatened to do so; or...</li> <li>Has weapons or martial arts/boxing training; has never used them but has threatened to.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has used weapons or martial arts/boxing training against partner; or...</li> <li>Has used weapons or martial arts/boxing training on others.</li> </ul>
<b>USE OF ISOLATION STRATEGIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Person develops fewer and fewer social and or family contacts; or...</li> <li>Partner is jealous of: friends, family and partner's coworkers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner severely restricts social and/or family contacts; or...</li> <li>Jealousy leads to false accusations of infidelity; or...</li> <li>Restricts use of telephone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very isolated; all contacts outside relationship are sharply restricted; or...</li> <li>May not be allowed to go anywhere without him/her; or...</li> <li>Not allowed to talk to anyone unless he/she is in attendance; or...</li> <li>Extreme jealousy of even time spent in non-relationship activities; or...</li> <li>Irrational accusations of infidelity.</li> </ul>
<b>SUBSTANCE ABUSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate social drinkers but no history of violence; or...</li> <li>History of violence while using other substance but has abstained from substance use for one year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent while under the influence of alcohol or other substances but has been abstaining for less than a year and may be attending substance treatment program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History of substance abuse; has been violent while under the influence; is using; or...</li> <li>Uses alcohol or other substances particularly after partner discusses leaving or separating.</li> </ul>
<b>SEXUAL ABUSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses coercion or threatens to force in order to have sex; or...</li> <li>Insists on sex even when partner is ill or in hospital.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses force in order to have sex; or...</li> <li>Threatens to sexually abuse children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combines sex with use of force or deliberately inflicts pain during sex; or...</li> <li>Inflicts group or public sexual degradation; or...</li> <li>Sexually abuses children (may force partner to watch); or...</li> <li>May become sexually aroused only after inflicting severe pain or injury.</li> </ul>
<b>IMMEDIATE RESPONSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get <b>COUNSELLING</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get <b>COUNSELLING</b> for you and/or your partner and...</li> <li>Call police.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call <b>POLICE</b> immediately and...</li> <li><b>SEPARATE NOW</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>LONG TERM RESPONSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get <b>COUNSELLING</b> on each and every abusive occasion and...</li> <li>Report to <b>POLICE</b> all Acute and Severe Occasions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get on-going <b>COUNSELLING</b> and...</li> <li>Consider separation and...</li> <li>Report to <b>POLICE</b> all Acute and Severe Occasions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separate until remediated by <b>COUNSELLING</b> and...</li> <li>Call <b>POLICE</b> and...</li> <li>Do <b>NOT</b> return home <b>WITHOUT PROTECTION</b> (brother(s), friends, powerful, protective parents etc.)</li> </ul>