

I. Give victim copy of safety plan:

Questions to ask victims:

1. Victim's relationship to partner
2. How long have you been together?
3. How long after relationship started did abuse begin?

4. Your statement of current incident

5. Do you have children? (ages and sex)
6. How does your partner treat the children?
7. If the children mis-behave, how does he handle it?
8. During this incident were drugs or alcohol involved?
_____ you _____ partner _____ both
9. How often does physical abuse occur?
_____ everyday _____ once a week
_____ once a month _____ once before
_____ never before _____ other
10. Has he ever: ("Checklist of Controlling Behaviors")
_____ abused pets?
_____ thrown things?
_____ hit walls/broken objects?
_____ pushed/shoved?
_____ driven recklessly while you were in car?
_____ grabbed/pinched?
_____ pulled hair?
_____ slapped with open hand?
_____ kicked?
_____ hit?
_____ hit with closed fist?
_____ attempted choking?
_____ beat up (pinned to wall/floor, kicked, punched)?
_____ used weapons (gun, knife, chains, etc.)?

11. Have you ever been treated for broken bones, stitches, injuries?

12. Have you ever called police? (explain)

13. Have you ever separated? Where did he go?

14. Has he ever:

_____ used financial abuse (withheld money)?

_____ displayed jealous behaviors?

_____ isolated you or your children or encouraged you or children to stay away from others?

_____ ever stopped you from going places, especially if he or you are angry?

_____ committed violence against you while pregnant?

_____ forced you to have sex?

_____ forced you to engage in sexual acts (with or without him) for his enjoyment only?

_____ convinced you that he is the only one who cares for you or can help you

_____ does he need to know your every move?

_____ threaten to injure you/beat you up?

_____ follow you around?

_____ repeated annoying phone calls?

_____ repeated name calling, put downs, insults to you?

_____ threatened to kill you?

_____ threatened to call Social Services or others to take children away?

_____ threatened to hurt himself if you leave or separate?

15. Did he use alcohol or drugs in previous incidents of abuse?

16. Does his personality change while on drugs/alcohol? How?

17. Does emotional abuse occur if he's not using alcohol or drugs?

18. Does physical abuse occur if he's not using alcohol or drugs?

19. Do his friends use alcohol or drugs?

20. How does he currently get along with his family? (are they close?)

21. In prior relationships (girlfriends, ex-wives) was he abusive?

Other information that might be helpful?

II. Police Information (Brief summary of police report)

1. Have there been prior arrests or contacts for Domestic Disturbances?

III. Summary (combine risk assessment, other assessment instruments used, (substance abuse screening/evaluation, MCMI, DVRNA, SARA, Checklist of Controlling Behaviors, Abuse Questionnaire, Parental Rejection and Attachment Style) and statements made by all parties.

1. Do statement of police, victim and defendant match? (note denial, minimization; distortions, etc.)

2. Summary of findings on drug and alcohol history and testing

3. Does offender seem willing to benefit from therapy?

4. Describe client's therapeutic participation in evaluation groups.

5. Recommendations

Client

Check all that apply:

- 1. objectifies partner (calls her names, body parts, animals)
- 2. blames victim for perceived injuries to self
- 3. is unwilling to turn victim loose
- 4. is obsessed with victim
- 5. is hostile/angry/furious
- 6. appears to be distraught
- 7. relationship is extremely tense, volatile
- 8. is extremely jealous, blaming victim for all types of promiscuous behavior
- 9. has perpetrated previous incidents of significant violence
- 10. has killed pets
- 11. has made threats
- 12. has made previous suicide attempts
- 13. is threatening suicide
- 14. has access to victim
- 15. has access to guns
- 16. alcohol involved
- 17. amphetamines (speed, cocaine, crack) or other drugs involved
- 18. has thoughts/desires of hurting partner
- 19. has no desire to stop violence/control behavior

If abuser perceives the relationship is at risk of ending, the potential of danger increases drastically.

I believe the victim is at risk:

strongly agree 1 2 3 4 5 strongly disagree

Evaluation summary:

etc.

CAUTION: THE ABSENCE OF MOST OF THE ABOVE IN ANY CASE DOES NOT MEAN THE PERPETRATOR IS HARMLESS . . . BUT AN INCREASE IN ITEMS CHECKED DOES INCREASE THE DANGER.