

DANGER ASSESSMENT

Several risk factors have been associated with homicides (murder) of both batterers and battered women in research that has been conducted after the killings have taken place. 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 severe battering and for you to see how many of the risk factors apply to your situation. (The "he" in the question refers to your husband, partner, ex-husband, ex-partner or whoever is currently physically hurting you.)

Please check YES or NO for each question below.

YES NO

- ___ ___ 1. Has the physical violence increased in frequency over the past year?
- ___ ___ 2. Has the physical violence increased in severity over the past year and/or has a weapon or threat with a weapon been used?
- ___ ___ 3. Does he ever try to choke you?
- ___ ___ 4. Is there a gun in the house?
- ___ ___ 5. Has he ever forced you into sex when you did not wish to do so?
- ___ ___ 6. Does he use drugs? By drugs I mean "uppers" or amphetamines, speed, angel dust, cocaine, "crack," street drugs, heroin, or mixtures.
- ___ ___ 7. Does he threaten to kill you and/or do you believe he is capable of killing you?
- ___ ___ 8. Is he drunk every day or almost every day? (In terms of quantity of alcohol.)
- ___ ___ 9. Does he control most of all you daily activities? For instance, does he tell you whom you can be friends with, how much money you can take with you shopping or when you can take the car?
(If he tries, but you do not let him, check here ___.)
- ___ ___ 10. Have you ever been beaten by him while you were pregnant?
(If never pregnant by him, check here ___.)
- ___ ___ 11. Is he violently and constantly jealous of you?
(For instance, does he say, "If I can't have you, no one can.")
- ___ ___ 12. Have you ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
- ___ ___ 13. Has he ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
- ___ ___ 14. Is he violent outside of the home?

___ **TOTAL YES ANSWERS**

THANK YOU. PLEASE TALK TO YOUR NURSE, ADVOCATE OR COUNSELOR ABOUT WHAT THE DANGER ASSESSMENT MEANS IN TERMS OF YOUR SITUATION.

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