

LETHALITY ASSESSMENT

Certain risk factors and conditions indicate whether an abuser is on the verge of committing a serious or lethal act of violence. The following questions can help you recognize how serious your situation may be.

Even one “yes” indicates that your situation may escalate dangerously.

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| 1. <u>Has the abuser threatened to kill you, the children, or others?</u> | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 2. <u>Does the abuser own or have access to weapons and use them to threaten you?</u> | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 3. Has the abuser injured you, your children, or others enough to require medical attention? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 4. Does the abuser have a history of violence? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 5. Has the abuser threatened or exhibited fantasies of suicide? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 6. Does the abuser use drugs and/or alcohol regularly or abuse prescription medications? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 7. Has the abuser broken a restraining order or protective order in the past? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 8. Has the domestic violence increased in severity and frequency over the past year? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 9. Does the abuser exhibit stalking or surveillance behavior? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 10. Has the abuser forced sexual activities upon you and/or your children? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 11. Has the abuser prevented you or the children from leaving by threatening physical harm? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 12. Does the abuser have a mental or physical condition that contributes to violence? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 13. Have you recently attempted to separate or terminate the relationship? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 14. Has the abuser harmed or killed family pets or threatened to do so? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 15. Has the abuser destroyed your personal property? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 16. Has the abuser dropped out or been non-compliant in a domestic violence treatment program? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 17. Does the abuser exhibit irrational jealousy? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 18. Does the abuser hold obsessive beliefs, “If I can’t have you, no one can?” | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 19. Has the abuser been involved in criminal activity? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 20. Does the abuser experience chronic depression, rage, or paranoia? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 21. Is the abuser unemployed? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 22. Has the abuser avoided being arrested for the violence? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 23. Is abuser an alcoholic or a problem drinker? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 24. Do you have a child that is not the abuser’s? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 25. Does the abuser control most or all your activities? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 26. Has the abuser harmed you while you were pregnant? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| 27. Does the abuser follow or spy on you, leave threatening notes or messages on your voicemail? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |

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