

CATEGORY 1 RISK FACTORS

DV PAF

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
PROTECTIVE ASSESSMENT
FRAMEWORK

FREQUENCY

Are DV incidents happening more often and between shorter time periods? This may include incidents not reported to police.

PREGNANCY

Is the aggrieved (if female) pregnant?
This may create considerable stress on the relationship.

PREVIOUS INCIDENT(S)/CONTRAVENTIONS

Are there previous DV incidents/contraventions recorded between the aggrieved and respondent?

SEPARATION

Have the aggrieved and respondent recently separated or are they separating? Is the aggrieved wanting or attempting to leave the relationship?

SEVERITY

Is the violence escalating/becoming more serious?
For example, moving from verbal to physical, pushing to slapping, slapping to beating or serious/life threatening injuries.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Has the respondent committed sexual violence against the aggrieved? For example, using sex or sexual acts as a form of control, punishment or violence.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCE

Is there now or recently been a significant change in circumstances? For example, unemployment, financial hardship, child custody/access disputes, interfamily conflict.

STRANGULATION/ SUFFOCATION

Is there evidence the respondent has attempted to strangle/suffocate the aggrieved now or in the past?

THREATS TO KILL

Has the respondent threatened to kill the aggrieved/family members?

USE OF WEAPONS

Has the respondent used or threatened to use a weapon to commit DV against the aggrieved/ family in current or previous incidents?

NOT PRESENT

No category 1 risk factors present.

CATEGORY 2 RISK FACTORS

ALCOHOL/DRUG MISUSE

Is there a history of alcohol/drug misuse by aggrieved/respondent and does this occur concurrently with DV?

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Has the respondent harmed or threatened to harm family pets?

CHILD ABUSE

Is there a history of abuse or neglect of a child by the respondent, irrespective of the relationship between the child and respondent?

CONTROLLING BEHAVIOUR

Does the respondent try to control the aggrieved, for example, where he/she goes, what they do, who they spend time with, controlling finances, isolating the aggrieved from friends, family and/or support?

CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

Are there cultural considerations preventing the aggrieved from reporting DV in the future?

For example, aggrieved may not be aware of rights in Queensland, aggrieved is isolated, cultural customs prevent aggrieved from speaking out.

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Is there history of mental health issues for respondent? Is there evidence of a diagnosed or undiagnosed disorder which might increase risk of DV to the aggrieved?

RESPONDENT HISTORY OF VIOLENCE

Does the respondent have a violent history towards the aggrieved, family or others? Are there incidents of domestic violence with a previous partner?

ONGOING CONFLICT

Is there an issue creating conflict in the relationship or family unlikely to subside in the near future?

SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE/ DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Has the respondent used or threatened to use a weapon to commit DV against the aggrieved/family in current or previous incidents?

STALKING

Does the respondent follow, contact, intimidate, place under surveillance, manipulate or harass the aggrieved?

SUICIDAL

Has the respondent or aggrieved threatened or attempted suicide?

VIOLENT THREATS

Has the respondent threatened an act(s) of violence against the aggrieved/children/family?

NOT PRESENT

No category 2 risk factors present.

FEAR LEVEL

NOT FEARFUL

Aggrieved does not appear fearful of DV occurring in the future.

FEARFUL

Aggrieved appears fearful of DV occurring in the future

VERY FEARFUL

Aggrieved appears very fearful of DV occurring in the future

UNABLE TO BE ASSESSED

LEVEL OF RISK

UNKNOWN

Level of risk unable to be determined.

MEDIUM

No significant/current indicators of risk of harm to the aggrieved. Changes in circumstance or DV may create risk for the aggrieved and any future incidents should be carefully assessed.

HIGH

Proactive police response to risk is recommended. Indicators of risk of harm to the aggrieved have been identified. The respondent has the potential to cause harm. They may also have the potential to cause serious harm if there is future violence and/or risk and/or a change in circumstance.

EXTREME

Proactive police response to risk is highly recommended. There are identifiable indicators of risk of serious harm to the aggrieved. An incident could happen at any time and the impact could be serious.