

### Domestic Violence Homicide Risk Factors

Name of Client \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Treatment Program \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

These factors have shown to be associated with spousal homicide. The presence of these factors should not be seen as *predictive* of homicide but rather as guidelines for safety planning.

Check the appropriate box; additional information can be entered under Comments and Recommendations.

YES NO

		Threats of suicide
		Threats to kill partner or family members
		Threats with weapon(s)
		Use of weapons in prior abusive incidents
		Serious injury of partner in prior abusive incidents
		Access to or ownership of guns
		Drug or alcohol abuse
		Forced sex of partner
		Obsessiveness/ extreme jealousy/ extreme dominance
		Access to victim
		Depression
		Extensive property destruction
		Threats to kill, or actually killing or injuring pet
		Abuse of children
		Mental health history
		History of other violent crimes
		Accepting attitude toward use of violence

Comments and Recommendations:

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LETHALITY RISK ASSESSMENT

Client Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the appropriate number for each item. Write in any relevant information.

### 1. Threat of homicide

0	1	2	3	4
Never threatened			Threatened in past 6 months	In past 24 hrs., has threatened to kill partner, children, relatives or pet

### 2. Threat of suicide

0	1	2	3	4
Never			Threatened in past 6 months	In past 24 hrs., has threatened to kill self

### 3. Thoughts of homicide

0	1	2	3	4
Never			Has detailed plan of who, how, when, where; has no weapon	Has detailed plan of who, how, when, where; <u>has</u> weapon

### 4. Thoughts of suicide

0	1	2	3	4
Never	More than 1 year ago	Within year	Has detailed plan of how, when, where; has no weapon	Has detailed plan of how, when, where; <u>has</u> weapon

### 5. Access to weapons

0	1	2	3	4
None; never used a weapon	Has used in past; no access now		Has access to weapon (identify): _____ _____	Carries weapon; has weapon in home, car. If gun, score  <b>4++</b>

**6. History of arson or threat of arson**

0	1	2	3	4
Never			Has set fires over a year ago	Has set fires in past year

**7. "Ownership" of partner**

0	1	2	3	4
No such beliefs				Believes absolutely entitled to partner, partner's services, obedience, loyalty no matter what

**8. Centrality of partner**

0	1	2	3	4
None				Depends heavily on partner to organize and sustain life, idolizes partner, isolated from community

**9. Separation**

0	1	2	3	4
Not applicable				Believes about to lose partner or has lost partner; cannot envision life without partner; separation causes great despair or rage

**10. Depression**

0	1	2	3	4
Never	Over 1 year ago	Mildly depressed	Moderately depressed	Severely depressed, little hope

**11. Access to victim; family**

0	1	2	3	4
None, not in area	Victim in shelter	Protection order	Knows whereabouts	Living together