

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LETHALITY SCREEN FOR
FIRST RESPONDERS**

When to Initiate a Lethality Assessment? When an intimate relationship is involved; AND You believe an assault has occurred, You sense the potential for danger is high, Names of parties or location are repeat names or locations, OR You simply believe one should be done.

Hotline # :

Officer:	Department:	Date:
Victim:	Offender:	Case #:

Victim has been informed that any responses to the following questions could be used in the criminal or civil court process.

Check here if victim did not answer any of the questions.

▶ A "Yes" response to any of Questions #1-3 automatically triggers the protocol referral.

- 1. Has he/she ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon? Yes No Not Ans.
- 2. Has he/she threatened to kill you or your children? Yes No Not Ans.
- 3. Do you think he/she might try to kill you? Yes No Not Ans.

▶ Negative responses to Questions #1-3, but positive responses to at least four of Questions #4-11, trigger the protocol referral.

- 4. Does he/she have a gun or can he/she get one easily? Yes No Not Ans.
- 5. Has he/she ever tried to choke you? Yes No Not Ans.
- 6. Is he/she violently or constantly jealous or does he/she control most of your daily activities? Yes No Not Ans.
- 7. Have you left him/her or separated after living together or being married? Yes No Not Ans.
- 8. Is he/she unemployed? Yes No Not Ans.
- 9. Has he/she ever tried to kill himself/herself? Yes No Not Ans.
- 10. Do you have a child that he/she knows is not his/hers? Yes No Not Ans.
- 11. Does he/she follow or spy on you or leave threatening messages? Yes No Not Ans.

An officer may trigger the protocol referral, if not already triggered above, as a result of the victim's response to the below question, or whenever the officer believes the victim is in a potentially lethal situation.

Is there anything else that worries you about your safety? (If "yes") What worries you?

Check one: Victim screened in according to the protocol
 Victim screened in based on the belief of officer
 Victim did not screen in

If victim screened in: After advising her/him of a high danger assessment, did the victim speak with the hotline counselor?
 Yes No Advocate First Name: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____ Supervisor Printed Name: _____

Note: The questions above and the criteria for determining the level of risk a person faces is based on the best available research on factors associated with lethal violence by a current or former intimate partner. However, each situation may present unique factors that influence risk for lethal violence that are not captured by this screen. Although most victims who screen "positive" or "high danger" would not be expected to be killed, these victims face much higher risk than that of other victims of intimate partner violence.

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Name