

Domestic Violence Assessment

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How to use this tool Select the appropriate button for each of the items listed below to show your closest estimate of how often it happened in your relationship with your partner during the past year.

LETHALITY

A 'Yes' to A, B, or C means high danger and triggers a referral.

A. Has he/she ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Has he/she threatened to kill you or your children?

☐ Yes ☐ No

C. Do you think he/she might try to kill you?

☐ Yes ☐ No

BEHAVIORS

Wherein: 0 - Never, 1 - Rarely, 2 - Occasional, 3 - Frequently, 4 - Very frequently

1. Called you a name and/or criticized you.

- ☐ 0 - Never
☐ 1 - Rarely
☐ 2 - Occasional
☐ 3 - Frequently
☐ 4 - Very frequently

2. Tried to keep you from doing something you wanted to do (example: going out with friends, going to meetings).

- ☐ 0 - Never
☐ 1 - Rarely
☐ 2 - Occasional
☐ 3 - Frequently
☐ 4 - Very frequently

3. Gave you angry stares or looks.

- ☐ 0 - Never
☐ 1 - Rarely
☐ 2 - Occasional
☐ 3 - Frequently
☐ 4 - Very frequently

4. Prevented you from having money for your own use.

- ☐ 0 - Never
☐ 1 - Rarely
☐ 2 - Occasional
☐ 3 - Frequently
☐ 4 - Very frequently

5. Ended a discussion with you and made the decision him or herself.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

6. Threatened to hit or throw something at you.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

7. Pushed, grabbed, or shoved you.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

8. Put down your family or friends.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

9. Accused you of paying too much attention to someone or something else.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

10. Put you on an allowance.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

11. Used your children to threaten you (example: told you that you would lose custody, said he or she would leave town with the children).

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

12. Became very upset with you because dinner, housework, or laundry was not ready when he wanted it or done the way he thought it should be.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

13. Said things to scare you (example: told you something bad would happen, threatened to commit suicide).

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

14. Slapped, hit, or punched you.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

15. Made you do something humiliating or degrading (example: begging for forgiveness, having to ask his permission to use the car or do something).

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

16. Checked up on you (examples: listened to your phone calls, checked the mileage on your car, called you repeatedly at work).

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

17. Drove recklessly when you were in the car.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

18. Pressured you to have sex in a way that you didn't like or want.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

19. Refused to do housework or childcare.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

20. Threatened you with a knife, gun, or other weapon.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

21. Told you that you were a bad parent.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

22. Stopped you or tried to stop you from going to work or school.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

23. Threw, hit, kicked, or smashed something.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

24. Kicked you.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

25. Physically forced you to have sex.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

26. Threw you around.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

27. Physically attacked the sexual parts of your body.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

28. Choked or strangled you.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

29. Used a knife, gun, or other weapon against you.

- ☐ 0 - Never
- ☐ 1 - Rarely
- ☐ 2 - Occasional
- ☐ 3 - Frequently
- ☐ 4 - Very frequently

SCORING AND INTERPRETATION

A 'Yes' answer to questions A, B, or C means high danger and automatically triggers a referral. To determine whether a referral should be made when answers to A, B, or C are 'No,' add the numbers that have been circled, and divide the sum by 29 to determine their score. If a mother has left some of the items blank, add up the numbers that have been circled by the mother, and divide the sum by the number of questions she answered. A score of 2.3 or greater indicates that a referral needs to be made.