

# Responding to Domestic Violence: Sample Forms for Mental Health Providers\*

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**DV/Mental Health Safety Risk Assessment & Disposition**  
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Client Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SAFETY RISK**

- Safety Risk Identified \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No
- DV Risk positive \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No
  - Level of DV Risk: \_\_\_\_High \_\_\_\_Medium \_\_\_\_Low \_\_\_\_N/A
- Mental Health Risk positive: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No
  - Level of Mental Health Risk: \_\_\_\_High \_\_\_\_Medium \_\_\_\_Low \_\_\_\_N/A
- Other Safety Risk: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No
  - Level of Other Safety Risk: \_\_\_\_High \_\_\_\_Medium \_\_\_\_Low \_\_\_\_N/A

**INTERVENTIONS AND DISPOSITION**

- 911 called: \_\_\_\_by Client \_\_\_\_by MHC \_\_\_\_N/A
- Initial Safety Plan Discussed: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_N/A
- Referred to DV Help Line: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_N/A
- Referred to DV Partner Agency: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_N/A
- Referred to ER or Psychiatric Hospital: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_N/A
- Referred for CMHA: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No
- Assigned to Designated Pilot Therapist: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

**Intake Form: DV/Mental Health Safety Risk Assessment & Disposition**  
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<b>DV &amp; MH RISK</b>	Immediate DV	High DV	Moderate DV	Low DV
Immediate MH				
High MH				
Moderate MH				
Low MH				

**Signature**

**Date**

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**Record of Domestic Violence & Trauma Assessment and Intervention**  
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**Client Identification** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Provider Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Domestic Violence Indicators:**

- Possible DV based on intake screening Date \_\_\_\_\_
- DV identified during Comprehensive MH Assessment Date \_\_\_\_\_
- DV identified during course of treatment Date \_\_\_\_\_
- CMHA DV Screen (Form XXX) completed Date \_\_\_\_\_
- CMHA Danger assessment (Form XXX) completed Date \_\_\_\_\_
- CMHS Comprehensive DV Assessment (Form XXX) completed Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Follow-up questions about safety and DV Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Domestic Violence Interventions**

- Initial Safety Measures Discussed (intake?) Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Referred to Pilot Project Clinician Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Referred to Domestic Violence Partner Agency Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Referred to DV Help Line Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Information provided Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Safety Plan Created Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Lifetime Trauma Indicators**

- During Comprehensive MH Assessment Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Through Trauma Screening Tool Date \_\_\_\_\_
- During course of treatment Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Lifetime Trauma Treatment/Interventions**

- Addressed immediate safety issues Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Established therapeutic relationship Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Identified client strengths Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Addressed client's ability to manage feelings/affect regulation Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Addressed intrusive recollections of trauma Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Addressed numbing, avoidance, dissociation Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Addressed hyperarousal symptoms Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Addressed other self-capacities, frame of reference, beliefs and needs Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Baseline TREP/CSDT Assessment Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Follow-up TREP/CSDT Assessment Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Initial DV Screening and Assessment Form 2.1, Page 1/2

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### Framing Questions

- I don't know if this has happened to you, but because so many people experience abuse and violence in their lives, it's something I always ask about. Is there anyone in your life right now who makes you afraid?
- I wonder if some of what you are experiencing may be related to how you are being treated at home
- I understand from what you said during your intake interview that you are concerned about the way your partner is treating you; you are concerned about your safety at home....

### Screening Questions

#### Physical abuse

- Has your partner ever physically hurt or threatened to hurt you or someone you care about?** (e.g. hit, slapped or kicked you, thrown something at you, held you against your will?) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - If yes, who did this to you? \_\_\_\_\_
  - When did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Is it still going on? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

#### Psychological abuse

- Has your partner tried to undermine or control you in other ways by what he/she says or does?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - If yes, who did this to you? \_\_\_\_\_
  - When did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Is it still going on? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

#### Sexual abuse

- Has your partner ever used sexuality to harm or control you or forced you to engage in sexual activities when you didn't want to?**
  - If yes, who did this to you? \_\_\_\_\_
  - When did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Is it still going on? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

#### Other abuse

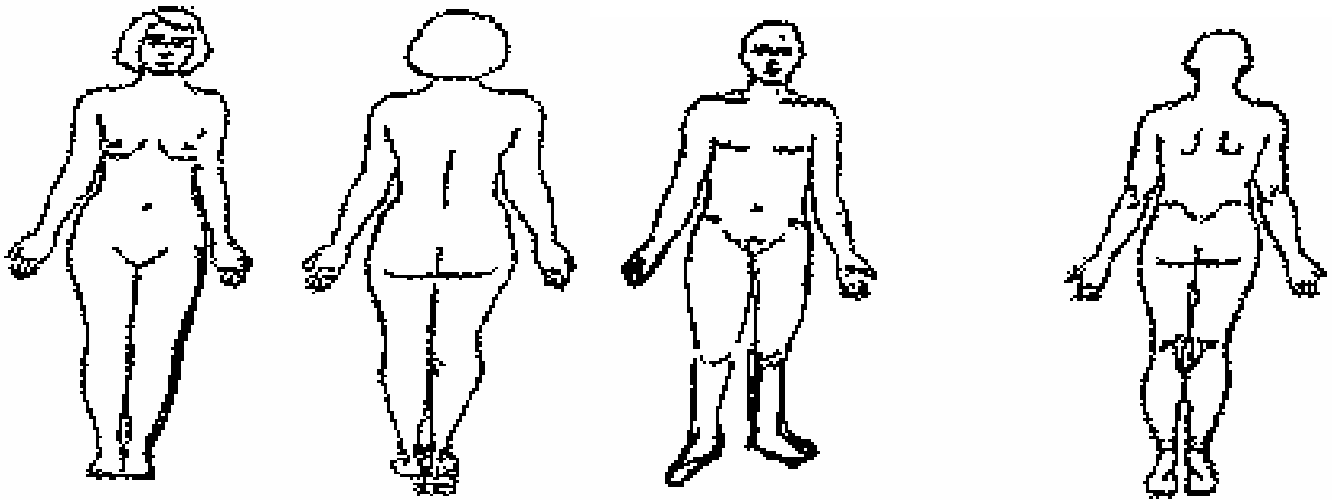
- Has your partner ever done other things to harm or control you?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- Are you afraid of him/her?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- Has anyone else tried to make you afraid?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - If yes, who did or is doing this? \_\_\_\_\_
  - When did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Is it still going on? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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Document description, size and location of injuries on body map: Mark Injuries using the scale below.

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- 4 = Beating up, severe contusions, burns, broken bones
- 5 = Head injury, internal injury, permanent injury
- 6 = Use of weapon; wound from weapon



**Description of abuse in client's own words**, including: what has happened, how long it's been going on, whether or not client was pregnant or weapons were used, name of and relationship to perpetrator, date, time of day, location of abusive incidents, any injuries or mental health symptoms that resulted from the abuse the abuse, injuries requiring medical treatment or hospitalization, most recent episode, most severe, pattern and frequency, whether or not it's getting worse:

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**Observations of client's demeanor or physical indications of abuse:**

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**Domestic Violence Danger Assessment Form**  
**Form 2.2, Page 1/2**

**Comprehensive Mental Health Assessment Chart**

**Immediate Danger**

- Are you in immediate danger? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Is your partner here in the building (if applicable)? Is he/she likely to return? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Do you think he/she is dangerous? Does he/she have a weapon? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- What do you feel would be the safest thing to do right now? What would you like to do?
  - Would you like me to call the police? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  - Do you have an order of protection? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  - Do you want to go home with your partner? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  - Do you have someplace safe to go? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Danger on Leaving the Mental Health Setting**

- Are you afraid to go home? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Afraid your life may be in danger? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Are the threats or physical violence becoming more frequent, severe or frightening? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Has your partner become more controlling, making it harder for you to make phone calls or get away? Does he control most of your daily activities? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Has he/she been stalking you? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Has he threatened to kill you and/or do you think he is capable of killing you? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Does your partner have access to any weapons? Is there a gun in the house? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Has he/she used them against you or threatened you with them? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Are you planning to leave your partner? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Does your partner know about your plans? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Do violence and threats increase around impending separation? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Has there been evidence of severe depression, alcohol or drug binges (uppers) or increasing mental instability (erratic changes in mood or behavior)? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Has he/she threatened suicide or homicide? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Has he/she been violent outside the home? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Has your partner injured any animals or pets? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Is he violent toward the children? Has this been recent? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- What is your partner's profession? Could he/she use it against you (i.e., police officer, lawyer, mental health professional, etc.) Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Does your partner have a criminal record? Currently engaged in any criminal activity? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Do you know if he/she was abusive with previous romantic partners? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Does your partner feel like he/she owns you. ("If I can't have you, no one will") Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Is he/she violently jealous and always accusing you of infidelity? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Has your partner forced you to have sex with him/her recently? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Has he/she ever threatened to have sex with you? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_





## Comprehensive Mental Health Assessment: Client Safety Plan

### Chart Form 2.3, Page 1/1

#### Suggestions for Safety

**Abuser poses threat at Mental Health Center**

- Call 911
  - Keep client hidden until she/he can escape (police, shelter, abuser leaves, other)
  - Client decides to go with partner after making safety plan
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**Immediate shelter**

- Call Help Line or Partner DV agency
  - Arrange to pick up belongings at safe time or with police escort
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**Getting order of protection to have abuser removed from home**

- Call Help Line or Partner DV agency
  - Take safety precautions at home (locks, security, lighting)
  - Identify numbers to call, safe places to go, people to warn
  - Pack important documents and items
  - Determine ability to anticipate and leave
  - Plan for quick escape if abuser returns
  - Discuss safety with children, inform caretakers about potential for kidnapping
  - Carry certified copy of Order at all times, inform local police, document guns\
  - Get cell phone through DV program or City Help Line **1-877-863-6338**
  - Other
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**Returning home to partner and/or preparing to leave**

- Call Help Line or Partner DV agency
  - Identify numbers to call, safe places to go, people to warn
  - Pack important documents and items
  - Determine ability to anticipate, avoid dangerous locations or leave, protect self and kids
  - Plan for quick escape
  - Discuss safety with children, calling police, collect calls, leaving
  - Increase financial independence, open savings account, obtain credit card, reduce isolation, get cell phone, through DV Program or Help Line **1-877-863-6338**
  - Other
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**Comprehensive DV Assessment**  
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**Form 2.4,**

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**Overall Impact of Abuse (in client's own words)**

**Impact of abuse on client's life:** [How partner's behavior affected ability to do the things client wants or needs to do, (e.g. disrupted activities or ability to work, go to school, or maintain contact with friends and family); client assessment of situation, what client would like to see happen, issues or obstacles client faces in achieving those goals, (including cultural, religious, stigma-associated and socioeconomic barriers); resources and sources of support client has that have or could be helpful to her/him]

**Impact of abuse on physical health:** [Including: injuries, medical problems, pregnancy complications, or hospitalizations due to the abuse or medical conditions that make the client more vulnerable to being abused, effects of abuse on physical health, injuries, hospitalizations, new medical problems or symptoms, partner attempts to control access to treatment, ability to take care of her/himself, ability to take medication properly]

**Psychological impact of the abuse:** [Including client's feelings about her/himself and situation, emotional impact of the abuse, changes over course of relationship, trauma-related symptoms (e.g. PTSD, Complex PTSD, Dissociative symptoms, self-cutting, high risk sexual activities, substance abuse, somatization, anxiety, panic, depression, eating disorders, ask specifically about suicidality and homicidality (expressing anger/desperation or genuine intent), impact on ability to access mental health treatment, control of meds, threats to commit, coerced overdoses, labeling client as crazy, threatening to use MH issues to take away children]

**Impact of abuse on her/his children:** [Remember to remind client that what she/he says is confidential unless she/he report any child abuse but if she/he has concerns about the children being abused, you can work with her/him to try to find ways to keep her/him and the children safe. Ask about whether children have witnessed abuse, how the abuse has affected them, what changes she/he has noticed since the abuse began, whether the children have developed any medical, emotional, learning or behavioral problems or psychiatric symptoms that might be related to the abuse. Find out about what concerns the client has about the children's safety, behavior or emotional states)

**Children's Responses to Trauma**

- Increased crying, sadness, helplessness, guilt; Fearfulness, clinginess, separation anxiety, stranger anxiety;
- Nightmares, night terrors, difficulty falling asleep or withdrawal into sleep;
- Eating problems, physical complaints;
- Feeling as if events are recurring, sensitivity to loud noises or other reminders of trauma;
- Isolation, withdrawal, lack of interest in play;
- Spacing out, phobic behavior, sense of not having any future;
- Regression to an earlier developmental stage;
- Aggression, tantrums, acting out behavior, oppositional behavior;
- Truancy, school refusal, trouble with school schoolwork, inattentiveness to instructions;
- Repetitive play (of traumatic events), trauma reenactment;
- Hypervigilance, obsession with trauma details;
- Exaggerated startle response.

From Kerig, Fedorwoicz, Brown, Warren (2000).

**Coping Strategies** [Include what client does to cope, how coping strategies affect client's daily life, what client has tried in the past to protect herself and the children, how that did or did not work, degree of isolation, sources of current or potential support, ways client cares for children, how keeping self and children safe, strengths, capacities and resources. Ask about family, community, culture, religion/spirituality, education, work situation, income, etc. and how they affect current situation, options and choices]

**Goals and Strategies** [What client's goals are, barriers she/he faces and strategies for overcoming barriers and achieving goals]

**TRAUMA ASSESSMENT FORM**  
**Form 3.1, Page 1/2**

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This form serves as a guide to taking a trauma history. It is recommended for use as part of a comprehensive assessment, but should be carefully paced to client needs and level of distress. After clinical review, this information should be incorporated into the treatment plan, with client participation. It can also be used conjunction with developing an Advanced Directive/Personal Trauma Safety Plan.

1. **Sometimes, people have been hurt or frightened by others in the past.** Some have lived through terrible experiences such as abuse, rape, combat, or injuries. If we know about these experiences, we may be better able to help you. **Are you willing to answer a few questions to help us understand more about your personal experience with such things?**

*(If the client is unwilling, or uncertain whether to proceed, please gently explore the basis for his or her refusal and attempt to address any concerns about the process).*

2. **Have you ever been physically hurt or threatened by another?** (e.g., hit, punched, slapped, kicked, strangled, burned threatened with object or weapon, etc.)?  Yes  No

If yes, in the past?\_\_\_\_ Is it still going on?\_\_\_\_ Are you able to say by whom?\_\_\_\_  
Someone known to you or a stranger?\_\_\_\_\_

**Details**\_\_\_\_\_

3. **Do you have a history of unwanted sexual contact by another person?** (e.g. unwanted kissing, hugging, touching, nudity, attempted intercourse?  Yes  No

If yes, in the past?\_\_\_\_ Is it still going on?\_\_\_\_ Are you able to say by whom?\_\_\_\_

Someone known to you or a stranger?\_\_\_\_

**Details:**\_\_\_\_\_

4. **Have you ever been raped, or had sex against your will?**  Yes  No

If yes, when?\_\_\_\_ Are you able to say by whom?\_\_\_\_ Someone known to you or a stranger?\_\_\_\_\_

**Details:**\_\_\_\_\_

5. **Have you lived through a disaster** (like a flood, tornado, or plane crash)?  Yes  No

If yes, please give age and circumstances:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. **Are you a combat veteran, lived through war as a civilian in another country, or experienced an act of terrorism?**  Yes  No

If yes, please describe\_\_\_\_\_

**TRAUMA ASSESSMENT FORM**  
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7. **Have you been in a severe accident, or been close to death from any cause?**  Yes  No

If yes, please describe\_\_\_\_\_

8. **Have you witnessed death or violence or the threat of death or violence to someone else?**

Yes  No

If yes, please describe\_\_\_\_\_

9. **Have you been the victim of a crime?**  Yes  No

If yes, please describe\_\_\_\_\_

10. **Have you ever experienced seclusion or physical or chemical restraint in a hospital, institution, or other setting?** Yes  No

11. If yes, please describe\_\_\_\_\_

12. **When you were growing up, did anyone in your household use drugs or alcohol? Was any one in your house incarcerated? Did anyone in your house attempt suicide? Complete it? Have mental illness?** Yes

No

13. **If yes to any of the above, have you experienced any emotional, psychological or physical problems (e.g. flashbacks, nightmares, lost time, insomnia, numbness, confusion, memory loss, self injury, extreme fearfulness or terror, etc.), which may be related to the events?**  Yes  No

14. **Is this happening currently?**  Yes  No

Please describe\_\_\_\_\_

15. **Were these questions upsetting to you?**  Yes  No

16. **Would you like to talk about this more, today?**  Yes  No

17. **If you find yourself thinking more about these issues later, how will you let someone know? What are some things you could do if you find yourself thinking about these experiences or having upsetting symptoms or feelings?**

(Suggestions of possible ways)\_\_\_\_\_

**Trauma Recovery Empowerment Profile (Pilot only)**  
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**TREP Rating Sheet** (Harris and Fallot)

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinician: \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time clinician  
has worked with or known the client: \_\_\_\_\_ months

Assessment Period *(Circle the correct assessment period.)*

1 = Baseline 2 = Three months 3 = Six months 4 = Nine Months 5 = Twelve Months 6 = At Termination

*Circle the rating point which best describes the consumer's skill level in the last month for each of the 11 skills.*

1. Self-Awareness

1      2      3      4      5

2. Self-Protection

1      2      3      4      5

3. Self-Soothing

1      2      3      4      5

4. Emotional Modulation

1      2      3      4      5

5. Relational Mutuality

1      2      3      4      5

6. Accurate Labeling of Self and Others

1      2      3      4      5

7. Sense of Agency and Initiative Taking

1      2      3      4      5

8. Consistent Problem Solving

1      2      3      4      5

9. Reliable Parenting

1      2      3      4      5

10. Possessing a Sense of Purpose and Meaning

1      2      3      4      5

11. Decision Making and Judgment

1      2      3      4      5

**Repeat DV Screening and Assessment  
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**General Safety**

I haven't asked about this for a while, but I wanted to check to see if all your relationships still feel safe to you or if you are being hurt or threatened in any way.

- Since we talked last, has anything changed in your life that has made you feel unsafe? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Have you had any experiences that made you afraid? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Is there anyone in your life who is making you feel afraid? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- If yes, who did or is doing this? \_\_\_\_\_
- When has this happened? \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Is it still going on? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Domestic Violence**

We haven't talked about your relationship with (partner) for a while.

- How are things going? Do you still feel safe with (partner)? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- How is he/she treating you? \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical abuse**

- Since we talked about this last has he/she ever threatened you or physically hurt you? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- In what ways? \_\_\_\_\_
- When has this happened? \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Is it still going on? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Psychological abuse**

- Does he/she ever try to control what you do or try to undermine you in other ways by what he/she says or does? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- In what ways? \_\_\_\_\_
- When has this happened? \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Is it still going on? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

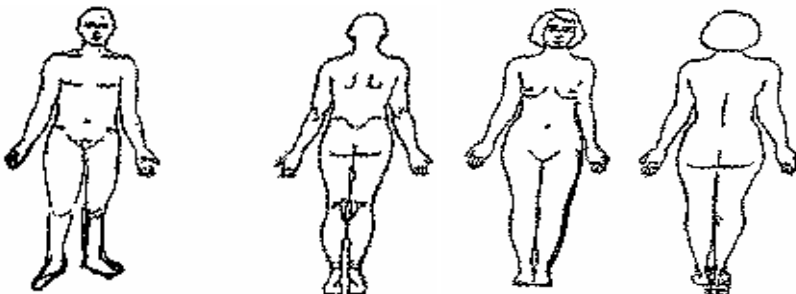
**Sexual abuse**

- What about your sexual relationship? Does/he she ever try to use sexuality to harm or control you or force you to engage in sexual activities when you didn't want to? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- In what ways? \_\_\_\_\_
- When has this happened? \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Is it still going on? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Other abuse**

- Since we talked about this last, has your partner done other things to harm or control you? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Document description, size and location of injuries on body map: Mark Injuries using the scale below**



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## Repeat DV Danger Assessment Questions Form 2.6

### Framing Statements

- We have discussed your level of safety in the past, and I'd like to go over it again in case your level danger has increased.
- I'd like to check in with you at each visit about any changes in your level of safety and see if we need to think about other ways to help you be safe

### Short Screen

- Are you afraid to go home? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Has anything changed in your relationship since we last met? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Do you feel your level of danger has increased? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Has your partner done anything to make you more afraid? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Has your partner physically hurt you or threatened you recently? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- What about sexually? Has your partner pressured you or forced you to have sex when you didn't want to? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- What do you feel would be the safest thing to do? What would you like to do? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

### Full Danger Assessment

#### Since we last talked,

- Are the threats or physical violence becoming more frequent, severe or frightening? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Do you think your life may be in danger? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Has your partner become more controlling, making it harder for you to make phone calls or get away? Does he control most of your daily activities? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Has he/she been stalking you? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Has he threatened to kill you and/or do you think he is capable of killing you? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Does your partner have access to any weapons? Is there a gun in the house? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- he/she used them against you or threatened you with them? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Are you planning to leave your partner? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Does your partner know about your plans? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Do violence and threats increase around impending separation Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Has there been evidence of severe depression, alcohol or drug binges (uppers) or Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- increasing mental instability (erratic changes in mood or behavior)? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Has he/she threatened suicide or homicide? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Has he/she been violent outside the home? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Has your partner injured any animals or pets? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Has he been violent toward the children? Has this been recent? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Has your partner used his professional connections against you? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Has your partner engaged in any criminal activity? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Has your partner acted like he/she owns you. ("If I can't have you, no one will") Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Is he/she violently jealous and always accusing you of infidelity? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Has he physically abused you while you were pregnant? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
  
- Has he/he tried to grab your neck or attempt to strangle you? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Injured you so badly you needed medical care? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Advanced Directives for Mental Health Treatment**  
**Form 5.1, Page 1/2**

**Personal Safety Form / Advanced Directive for De-Escalation in Time of Crisis**

This form is a guide to gathering information with clients for the development of strategies to de-escalate agitation and distress so that restraint and seclusion can be averted. It should be used with all clients in conjunction with the Trauma Assessment Form. It is recommended for use in inpatient facilities, psychiatric emergency rooms, crisis stabilization and other diversion units but is helpful to discuss with clients when they are not in crisis (i.e. during outpatient treatment or in residential settings). The information obtained should be incorporated into the treatment plan for this client.

1. It is helpful for us to be aware of the things that can help you feel better when you're having a hard time. Have any of the following ever worked for you? These alternatives may not always be available but I'd like us to work together to figure out what would be most helpful to you if you are hospitalized at some point.

<i>Voluntary time out in your room</i>	<i>Listening to music</i>
<i>Voluntary time out in quiet room</i>	<i>Reading a newspaper/ book</i>
<i>Sitting by the nurses station</i>	<i>Watching TV</i>
<i>Talking with another consumer</i>	<i>Pacing the halls</i>
<i>Talking with staff</i> <i>Talk with spiritual/faith leader</i>	<i>Calling a friend</i> <i>Meditate or pray</i>
<i>A warm drink</i>	<i>Calling your therapist</i>
<i>Eating something</i>	<i>Pounding some clay</i>
<i>Punching a pillow</i>	<i>Exercise</i>
<i>Writing a diary/ journal</i>	<i>Using ice on your body</i>
<i>Deep breathing exercises</i>	<i>Putting hands under cold water</i>
<i>Going for a walk with staff</i>	<i>Lying down with cold face cloth</i>
<i>Taking a hot shower</i>	<i>PRN medication</i>
<i>Wrapping up in a blanket</i>	<i>Other</i>

2. Is there a person who has been helpful to you when you're upset? **(Y/N)** Would you like them to come and visit you? **(Y/N)** Can we assist in this process? **(Y/N)** If you are in a position where you are not able to give us information to further your treatment, do we have your permission to call and speak to:

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Name)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Phone)**

Are there any particular people that are unhelpful or abusive to you when you are upset that you would not want contacted if you require hospitalization? \_\_\_\_\_ **(Name, Relationship)**

If you agree that we can call to get information, sign below:

Client signature \_\_\_\_\_ Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What are some of the things that make it more difficult for you when you're already upset? Are there particular "triggers" that you know will cause you to feel or act more upset?

<i>Being touched</i>	<i>Being isolated</i>
<i>Bedroom door open</i>	<i>People in uniform</i>
<i>Particular time of day (when?)</i>	<i>Time of the year (when?)</i>
<i>Loud noise</i>	<i>Yelling</i>
<i>Not having control/ input (explain)</i>	<i>Other (please list)</i>

4. Have you ever been restrained in a hospital or other setting, for example, in a crisis stabilization unit or at home?

	<b>Physically/ Mechanically</b>	<b>Chemically</b>
<i>When?</i>		
<i>Where?</i>		
<i>What happened?</i>		

5. If you are escalating or in danger of hurting yourself or someone else, there may be a need to use a physical, or mechanical restraint (for example in an ER, hospital setting or ambulance). All of these alternatives may not be available, but if it becomes necessary, we'd like to know your preferences.

<i>Time out in your room</i>		
<i>Quiet room (unlocked)</i>		<i>Seclusion (locked door)**</i>
<i>Physical hold</i>	<i>Safety coat</i>	<i>Other</i>
<i>3-point restraint*</i>	<i>Face up?</i>	<i>Face down?</i>
<i>4-point restraint with legs together*</i>	<i>Face up?</i>	<i>Face down?</i>

\* These restraints are not allowed for people with mental retardation

\*\* Locked door seclusion is not allowed for people with mental retardation

6. Do you have a preference regarding the gender of staff assigned to you during and immediately after a restraint?  
 Women Staff \_\_\_ Male Staff \_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_

7. Is there anything that would be helpful to you during a restraint? Please describe.

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8. If you are hospitalized, staff may be required to administer medication along with physical restraints. In this case, what medications have been especially helpful or harmful to you? Please describe.

Helpful: \_\_\_\_\_

Harmful: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Many facilities do room checks here to make sure you are okay at night. Is there anything that would make room checks more comfortable for you?

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**Please incorporate the information obtained in the Personal Safety Form into the treatment plan for this client**

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(Please refer to the Psychiatric Advance Directives Toolkit for instructions to complete this worksheet.)

**1. Symptom(s) I might experience during a period of crisis:**

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**2. Medication instructions.**

A. I agree to administration of the following medication(s):

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B. I do not agree to administration of the following medication(s):

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**C. Other information about medications (allergies, side effects)**

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**3. Facility Preferences.**

**A. I agree to admission to the following hospital(s):**

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**B. I do not agree to admission to the following hospital(s):**

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**C. Other information about hospitalization:**

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**4. Emergency Contacts in case of mental health crisis:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Me: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Me: \_\_\_\_\_

Psychiatrist: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Case Manager/Therapist: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Crisis Precipitants. The following may cause me to experience a mental health crisis:**

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**6. Protective Factors. The following may help me avoid a mental health crisis:**

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**7. Response to Hospital. I usually respond to the hospital as follows:**

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**8. Preferences for Staff Interactions.**

**A. Staff of the hospital or crisis unit can help me by doing the following:**

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**B. Staff can minimize use of restraint and seclusion by doing the following:**

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**9. I give permission for the following people to visit me in the hospital:**

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**10. The following are my preferences about ECT:**

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**11. Other Instructions.**

**A. If I am hospitalized, I want the following to be taken care of at my home:**

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**B. I understand that the information in this document may be shared by my mental health treatment provider and with any other mental health treatment provider who may serve me when necessary to provide treatment in accordance with this advance instruction. Other instructions about sharing of information are as follows:**

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**12. Legal documentation for Advance Directives:**

**A. Signature of Principal**

By signing here, I indicate that I am mentally alert and competent, fully informed as to the contents of this document, and understand the full impact of having made this advance instruction for mental health treatment.

Signature of Principal

Date



**Nature of Witnesses**

I hereby state that the principal is personally known to me, that the principal signed or acknowledged the principal's signature on this advance instruction for mental health treatment in my presence, that the principal appears to be of sound mind and not under duress, fraud, or undue influence, and that I am not:

- The attending physician or mental health service provider or an employee of the physician or mental health treatment provider;
- An owner, operator, or employee of an owner or operator of a health care facility in which the principal is a patient or resident; or
- Related within the third degree to the principal or to the principal's spouse.

**B. Affirmation of Witnesses**

We affirm that the principal is personally known to us, that the principal signed or acknowledged the principal's signature on this advance instruction for mental health treatment in our presence, that the principal appears to be of sound mind and not under duress, fraud, or undue influence, and that neither of us is: A person appointed as an attorney-in-fact by this document; The principal's attending physician or mental health service provider or a relative of the physician or provider; The owner, operator, or relative of an owner or operator of a facility in which the principal is a patient or resident; or A person related to the principal by blood, marriage, or adoption.

Witnessed by:

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**State of Illinois, County of Cook**

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**C. Certification of Notary Public**

State of Illinois, County of Cook

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public for the County cited above in the State of Illinois, hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ appeared before me and swore or affirmed to me and to the witnesses in my presence that this instrument is an advance instruction for mental health treatment, and that he/she willingly and voluntarily made and executed it as his/her free act and deed for the purposes expressed in it.

I further certify that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses, appeared before me and swore or affirmed that they witnessed \_\_\_\_\_ sign the attached advance instruction for mental health treatment, believing him/her to be of sound mind; and also swore that at the time they witnessed the signing they were not (i) the attending physician or mental health treatment provider or an employee of the physician or mental health treatment provider and (ii) they were not an owner, operator, or employee of an owner or operator of a health care facility in which the principal is a patient or resident, and (iii) they were not related within the third degree to the principal or to the principal's spouse. I further certify that I am satisfied as to the genuineness and due execution of the instrument.

This is the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

## D. Statutory Notices

**Notice to Person Making an Instruction For Mental Health Treatment.** This is an important legal document. It creates an instruction for mental health treatment. Before signing this document you should know these important facts: This document allows you to make decisions in advance about certain types of mental health treatment. The instructions you include in this declaration will be followed if a physician or eligible psychologist determines that you are incapable of making and communicating treatment decisions. Otherwise you will be considered capable to give or withhold consent for the treatments. Your instructions may be overridden if you are being held in accordance with civil commitment law. Under the Health Care Power of Attorney you may also appoint a person as your health care agent to make treatment decisions for you if you become incapable. You have the right to revoke this document at any time you have not been determined to be incapable. **YOU MAY NOT REVOKE THIS ADVANCE INSTRUCTION WHEN YOU ARE FOUND INCAPABLE BY A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER AUTHORIZED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROVIDER.** A revocation is effective when it is communicated to your attending physician or other provider. The physician or other provider shall note the revocation in your medical record. To be valid, this advance instruction must be signed by two qualified witnesses, personally known to you, who are present when you sign or acknowledge your signature. It must also be acknowledged before a notary public.

**Notice to Physician or Other Mental Health Treatment Provider.** Under North Carolina law, a person may use this advance instruction to provide consent for future mental health treatment if the person later becomes incapable of making those decisions. Under the Health Care Power of Attorney the person may also appoint a health care agent to make mental health treatment decisions for the person when incapable. A person is "incapable" when in the opinion of a physician or eligible psychologist the person currently lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make and communicate mental health treatment decisions. This document becomes effective upon its proper execution and remains valid unless revoked. Upon being presented with this advance instruction, the physician or other provider must make it a part of the person's medical record. The attending physician or other mental health treatment provider must act in accordance with the statements expressed in the advance instruction when the person is determined to be incapable, unless compliance is not consistent with G.S. 122C-74(g). The physician or other mental health treatment provider shall promptly notify the principal and, if applicable, the health care agent, and document noncompliance with any part of an advance instruction in the principal's medical record. The physician or other mental health treatment provider may rely upon the authority of a signed, witnessed, dated, and notarized advance instruction, as provided in **755 ILCS 43 Mental Health Treatment Preference Declaration Act.**