

MARAM RISK ASSESSMENTS: EVIDENCE-BASED RISK FACTORS

Emerging evidence-informed family violence risk factors are indicated with a hash (#).

Serious risk factors - that may indicate an increased risk of the victim being killed or almost killed - are highlighted with shading.

Risk factors for adult or child victim survivors caused by perpetrator behaviours

- **Controlling behaviours**
- **Access to weapons**
- **Use of weapon in most recent event**
- Has ever harmed or threatened to harm victim or family members
- **Has ever tried to strangle or choke the victim**
- **Has ever threatened to kill victim**
- **Has ever harmed or threatened to harm or kill pets or other animals**
- **Has ever threatened or tried to self-harm or commit suicide**
- **Stalking of victim**
- **Sexual assault of victim**
- Previous or current breach of court orders/intervention orders
- History of family violence #
- History of violent behaviour (not family violence)
- **Obsession/jealous behaviour toward victim**
- **Unemployed / Disengaged from education**
- **Drug and/or alcohol misuse/abuse**
- Mental illness / Depression
- Isolation
- Physical harm #
- Emotional abuse #
- Property damage #

Risk factors relevant to an adult victim's circumstances

- **Physical assault while pregnant/following new birth**
- Self-assessed level of risk #
- **Planning to leave or recent separation**
- **Escalation – increase in severity and/or frequency of violence**
- Imminence #
- Financial abuse/difficulties

Risk factors specific to children caused by perpetrator behaviours

- Exposure to family violence #
- Sexualised behaviours towards a child by the perpetrator #
- Child intervention in violence #
- Behaviour indicating non return of child #
- Undermining the child-parent relationship #
- Professional and statutory intervention #

Risk factors specific to children's circumstances

- History of professional involvement and/or statutory intervention #
- Change in behaviour not explained by other causes #
- Child is a victim of other forms of harm #