

Comparative Analysis Table - Risk Assessment Tools

Bibliographical Review - Items present in the Instruments (N=12 instruments)

| Items present in the Instruments | B-SAFER | HCR-20 | ODARA | SARA | TAQFP | MPS | DASH | DA | DVRF | FVIR | VPR | PDV | N |
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| Violent acts/ Previous violence/ Previous domestic incidents/ Previous attack on family members/ Previous physical attack/ Physical violence, with or without injury (the partner, children, others or animals) | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | | 9 |
| Violent thoughts or threats/ Threat of harm or death (to victim, family members, others or animals) | X | | X | | X | | | X | | X | X | | 6 |
| Climbing frequency and severity | X | | | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | | 7 |
| Violation of court orders/ Failure to supervise in advance/ Failure to comply with previous probation/ Violation of "non-contact" orders | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | | 8 |
| Violent attitudes/ Violence of the offender against others (known, family, police, unknown) | X | | X | | | X | X | | | | | X | 5 |
| General crime | X | | | | | X | X | | | | | | 3 |
| (Recent) problems of intimate relationship / relational instability | X | X | | X | | | | | | | X | | 4 |
| (Recent) employment/or financial/change problems in the last 12 months/ Problems maintaining employment | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | 8 |

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| Problems of substance use or addiction (recent)/ Alcohol, drugs, medication/ Abuse is escalating?/ Increased violence after consumption? | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | 11 |
| (Severe) mental health problems / recent manic or psychological symptoms / bizarre behaviours | X | X | | X | X | | | | X | X | | X | 7 |
| Age of 1st incident of violence | | X | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Psychopathy | | X | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Precociously poorly adjusted | | X | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Personality disorder/ Personality problems/ (with anger, impulsiveness or behavioural instability) | | X | | X | | | | | X | | | | 3 |
| Lack of insight | | X | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Negative attitudes | | X | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Impulsivity/ Uncontrollability, unpredictability | | X | | | | X | | | X | | | | 3 |
| No response to treatment | | X | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Previous non-domestic incidents | | | | X | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Previous corrective sentence of at least 30 days / Previous trial / History of investigations or complaints | | | | X | | X | | | | X | | | 3 |
| Partner Reclusion During/Indexed Attack/ Criminal Background, Police | | | | X | | | | X | | | | X | 3 |

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| Victim afraid of future aggressions/ Perception of the victim's safety/ (fear of what, to whom and why) | | | X | | X | | X | X* | X | X* | | X | 7 |
| 2 or more children | | | X | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Biological child of a victim from a previous partner | | | X | | | | | X | | | | | 2 |
| Assault on the victim during pregnancy | | | X | | | | | X | | | | X | 3 |
| Some barrier in victim support/cultural barriers asking for help | | | X | | X | | | | | | | X | 3 |
| Prior attack by strangers or acquaintances | | | | | X | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Victim and/or witness of family violence in child or adolescent | | | | | X | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Idea or intention to commit suicide or recent homicide/ (attempt) | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | 9 |
| Previous sexual assault/ Sexual violence | | | | | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | 7 |
| Prior use of weapons and/or credible death threats/ (to victim, children and/or dependents) | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | 9 |
| Minimization or extreme denial of history of marital attack/ (offensive behaviour) | | | | | X | X | X | | | | | | 3 |
| Attitudes that support or excuse the conjugal attack | | | | | X | | | | | | | | 1 |

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| Past, recent, pending separations (with persecution and/or harassment?)/ Separation or divorce / Attempted separation | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | 7 |
| Jealousy/Obsession | | | | | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | 6 |
| Need for medical attention after assaults | | | | | X | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Type of abuse: physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, financial | | | | | X | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Offender with possession of a firearm or intent to acquire | | | | | X | | | | X | X | | | 3 |
| Children witnessed abuse | | | | | X | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Children were abused | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | 2 |
| CPCJ's involvement with the family | | | | | X | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Kidnapping or threat of kidnapping children | | | | | X | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Strangled or bit the victim | | | | | X | | X | X | | X | | X | 5 |
| Stalking acts (constant contacts, phone calls, harassment, harassing, bothering)/Control of activities (e.g. who can be a friend, when can you see family, how much money can you spend) | | | | | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | 6 |

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| Offence planning | | | | | X | | | | | | X | | 2 |
| Social/physical isolation of the victim/ Reluctance to leave home | | | | | X | | X | | | | | X | 3 |
| Attacks on animals (of the victim) | | | | | | X | | | X | | | X | 3 |
| Psychological violence | | | | | | | | | | | X | | 1 |
| Damage to house, property or objects/ Destruction of property | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | 4 |
| Defiant or contemptuous conduct of the offender towards authority, officers or the victim in the presence of others | | | | | | | | | | | X | | 1 |
| Depression or suicidal thoughts of the victim | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | 2 |
| Dependents and children living in the same house | | | | | | | X | | | X | | | 2 |
| In case of separation, conflict of contact with children/ Change of contact with children | | | | | | | X | | X | | | X | 3 |
| Attempt not to be arrested for domestic violence | | | | | | | | X | | | | | 1 |
| Offender has recently experienced some high stress (e.g. financial, health, employment) | | | | | | | | | X | | | | 1 |

B-SAFER – Brief Spousal Assault For the Evaluation of Risk; HCR-20 – Historical, Clinical, Risk Management – 20; ODARA – Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment; SARA – Spousal Assault Risk Assessment Guide; TAQFP – Threat Assessment Questions for Field Personnel; MPS – MPS Domestic Violence Risk

Assessment Model; DASH – Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Honour Based Violence; DA – Danger Assessment; domestic violenceSRF – Domestic Violence Supplementary Report Form; FVIR – Family Violence Investigation Report; VPR – Valoración del Riesgo; Pdomestic violence – Policing Domestic Violence

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