

## Lethality Assessment

There is no magic formula to determine if there is a high risk of suicide or homicide from the batterer. This questionnaire may help to identify compounding risks to the victim. If she feels her life is in danger take this very seriously. If she does not believe she is a risk but you have concerns of immediate danger discuss this with her frankly.

Yes  No Is the Batterer violent outside the home?

Yes  No Is the Batterer violent against the children?

Yes  No Has the batterer made threats of homicide to the victim or children?

Yes  No Has the batterer made threats of suicide

Yes  No Are threats and violence escalating?

Yes  No Is the batterer using alcohol or drugs?

Yes  No Has the batterer abused the victim while pregnant?

Yes  No Has the victim attempted to leave or divorce the abuser?

Yes  No Has the batterer sexually assaulted the victim?

Yes  No Is the batterer obsessed with the victim?

Yes  No Has the batterer seriously injured the victim

Yes  No Has the batterer threatened family or friends

Yes  No Are there deadly weapons – guns or knives in the home ?

Yes  No Does the victim fear for her life?