

# Spousal Assault Risk Assessment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

Rate each risk factor truthfully to help identify potential dangers and your support needs using the following scale:

- Absent (0): The risk factor is not present or does not apply.
- Possibly or partially present (1): There is some evidence or indication that the risk factor is present but not fully confirmed.
- Present (2): The risk factor is clearly present.

## General violence risk factors

|   | Absent                     | Possibly/<br>partially present | Present                    |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Past assault of family members.  | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 2. Past assault of strangers or acquaintances.                              | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 3. Past violation of conditional release or community supervision.          | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 4. Recent relationship problems   | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 5. Recent employment problems   | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 6. Victim of and/or witness to family violence as a child or adolescent     | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 7. Recent substance abuse/dependence.                                       | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 8. Recent suicidal or homicidal ideation/intent.                            | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 9. Recent psychotic and/or manic symptoms                                   | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 10. Personality disorder with anger impulsivity, or behavioral instability. | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |

| Spousal violence risk factors   | Absent                     | Possibly/<br>partially present | Present                    |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 11. Past physical assault.  | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 12. Past sexual assault/sexual jealousy.                                    | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 13. Past use of weapons and/or credible threats of death.                   | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 14. Recent escalation in frequency or severity of assault                   | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 15. Past violation of "no contact" orders                                   | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 16. Extreme minimization or denial of spousal assault history.              | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 17. Attitudes that support or condone spousal assault.                      | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 18. Severe and/or sexual assault (most recent incident).                    | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 19. Use of weapons and/or credible threats of death (most recent incident). | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |
| 20. Violation of "no contact" order (most recent incident).                 | <input type="radio"/><br>0 | <input type="radio"/><br>1     | <input type="radio"/><br>2 |

**Total score:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Scoring and interpretation

The Spousal Assault Risk Assessment Version 2 (SARA-V2) is a structured professional judgment tool designed to evaluate the risk of intimate partner violence (IPV) among adult males.

Each of the 20 items is scored on a 3-point ordinal scale:

- 0 (Absent): The risk factor is not present.
- 1 (Possibly or partially present): There is some indication that the risk factor may be present.
- 2 (Present): The risk factor is confirmed to be present.

The total score from the 20 items can range from 0 to 40, with higher scores indicating a greater likelihood of recidivism and more severe risk factors being present.

## Additional notes

## Reference

Kropp, P. R., & Hart, S. D. (2000). The Spousal Assault Risk Assessment (SARA) guide: Reliability and validity in adult male offenders. *Law and Human Behavior*, 24(1), 101-118. <https://doi.org/10.1023/A:1005430904495>