

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

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