

LETHALITY and RISK ASSESSMENT

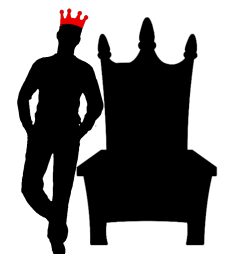
It is very difficult to say whether a man who is abusive will escalate enough to kill. The same risk factors may be present in many men, some of whom who will never be violent again. The victim is the best judge of whether a batterer will kill. While the following information will not predict lethality, it has been drawn from victims' programs, batterer intervention services, and research in the field of domestic violence, and can be used to identify men who may use violence or abusive tactics to control his partner, especially if he has been violent in the past.

WHAT IT'S NOT:

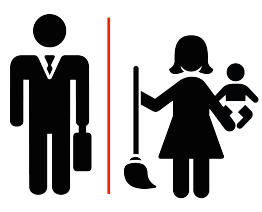


ANGER / RAGE

BELIEF SYSTEM OF ABUSERS:




ENTITLEMENT




RIGID GENDER ROLES


NOT A CAUSE BUT A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR:




ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG ABUSE



WEAPONS




UNEMPLOYMENT




BELIEVES HE'S THE VICTIM


INDICATORS OF RISK FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:



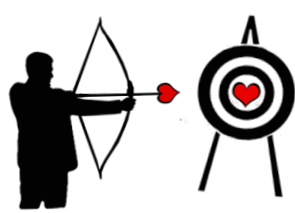
CHILD VICTIM OR WITNESS TO ABUSE




PAST VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER




SEXUAL JEALOUSY




CENTRALITY OF VICTIM



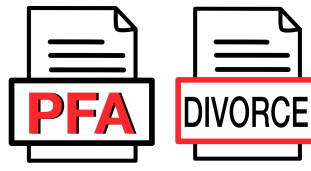
CHILD FROM A PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP



STRANGULATION



THREATS TO KILL



SHE TRIES TO LEAVE