Commander

“Based on Mr./Ms. X’s score on a risk assessment tool, I believe that s/he is at (low-to-moderate/ high/ very high) risk for an incident of partner violence that leads to injury.”

Low-to-Moderate

“This means that I do not foresee the need for intense intervention or surveillance of Mr./Ms. X at this time. However, we know that repeat incidents typically occur within one week after the assessment, so I would strongly recommend that Mr. and Ms. X attend a follow up session in about a week. About 1 out of 10 of people at this level of risk do have subsequent incidents of violence that lead to injury, so I’d strongly encourage him/her to follow any recommendations from the Clinical Case Staffing Meeting (CCSM) and engage in treatment or prevention services to reduce the level of risk.” Domestic Abuse Victim Advocacy (DAVA) services have been offered to the victim” (where available).

High

“Approximately 1 out of 3 who score in this range experience another violent incident that lead to injury. A Military Protection Order or separation of the couple might be advisable. We know that repeat incidents typically occur within a week after the assessment, so I would recommend that Mr./Ms. X engage in frequent contact with our office until the Clinical Case Staffing Meeting and a final intervention plan is developed.”

If victim: “Mr./Ms. X has collaborated with me on developing a safety plan which they are asked to implement if they feel they are in danger. DAVA services have been offered (where available)”

If offender: “Mr./Ms. X has been advised not to engage in risky behaviors such as alcohol use and will be asked to participate in an intervention program.”

Very High

“Two out of three individuals who score in this range experience another violent incident leading to injury. We suggest that Mr./Ms. X receive priority in attaining all available resources. A MPO or separation of the couple might be advisable. We know that repeat incidents typically occur within a week after the assessment, so I would strongly recommend that Mr./Ms. X begin implementing treatment recommendations immediately.”

CAUTION: If risk of suicide is evident, it is important to communicate this to the commander since an ordered separation may increase likelihood of a suicidal attempt.

If victim: “We asked Mr./Ms. X to activate their safety plan and maintain frequent contact with a Victim Advocate or with a social worker from our office.”

If offender: “Mr./Ms. X has been advised to remove him/herself from access to his/her partner. We are recommending that he/she begin implementing treatment recommendations immediately”
Victim

“Based on your score on our risk assessment tool, I believe you are at (low-to-moderate/high/very high) risk for experiencing an act of violence by your partner leading to injury.”

Low-to-Moderate

"Your safety is very important to us and we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to reduce the level of risk. After an alleged incident is reported, 1 out of 10 individuals who score in this range experience an incident which leads to injury and this typically occurs within the first week. We want to do all that we can to prevent another incident from occurring so we ask that you follow up with us in about a week when we will evaluate risk again. Please be aware that a victim advocate and other resources are available to you at any time you feel they may be needed. We encourage you to contact us or law enforcement officials if you ever feel that you are in danger of experiencing violence from your partner."

High

"Your safety is very important to us and we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to reduce the level of risk. After an alleged incident is reported, 1 out of 3 individuals who score in this range experience an incident which leads to injury and this typically occurs within the first week. We want to help you develop a safety plan that you can follow when you feel you may be in danger. We encourage you to have frequent contact with us or the Victim Advocate until the allegation is resolved. Also, please be sure to make trusted others aware of your situation and concerns and how to best reach you."

Very High

"Your safety is extremely important to us. We want to be sure we are doing everything we can to reduce the level of risk. After an alleged incident is reported, two out of three individuals who score as very high risk experience a violent incident leading to injury. Because of the very high risk you are in, we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to reduce the level of risk for your safety. At this time, we are suggesting that a MPO be put in place. We suggest that you use all resources accessible to you, including working with the Victim Advocate and obtain a civilian protective order. We will be in contact with you frequently for support, risk management, and any needs you may have to ensure your safety."
“Based on your score on our risk assessment tool, I believe you are at (low-to-moderate/high/very high) risk for engaging in an act of violence against your partner leading to injury.”

**Low-to- Moderate**

“We understand that this can be a distressing time while the allegation is being assessed. Your score means that there is no current need for intense intervention or monitoring. However, 1 out of 10 individuals who score in this range do have a repeat incident leading to violence and we know that repeat incidents typically occur shortly after the first alleged incident, so I would strongly recommend you use available resources and consider engaging in suggested intervention or prevention programs. In order to protect yourself and those around you, we want to do everything we can to make sure another allegation does not take place.”

**High**

“This can be a disturbing situation but we want to ensure that we are doing what we can to prevent another incident from occurring. One out of three people who score in this range experience a violent incident leading to injury and most of these incidents occur within a week after the first incident. We strongly suggest that you seek support from trusted others and make an effort to avoid high risk situations. There are many resources available to you and we encourage you to utilize these services while the initial allegation is being reviewed.”

**Very High**

“This score suggests that there is a very high likelihood of experiencing a violent incident leading to your partner’s injury. In fact 2 out of 3 individuals who score this high have another violent incident that leads to injury, and most of these incidents occur within a week after the first incident. Because of this, we want to make sure you and your loved ones are safe. To ensure this to the best of our capabilities we are asking that you use all resources available to you. For the safety of your loved ones, we suggest that you refrain from contacting them and remove yourself from the home or place where they are staying until the review of the allegations is complete. We also encourage you to begin suggested intervention programs as soon as they are available. Please be aware that we are doing our best to enhance the safety of all those involved.”