

A.1.4. RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS (CANADA)

NAME OF TOOL	JURISDICTION	ORGANIZATION/ DEVELOPER	DESCRIPTION	VIOLENCE MEASURED	RISK MEASURED	NOTES
Aid to Safety Assessment Planning (ASAP)	BC, NB	BC - Victim Services, Corrections, BC Institute Against Family Violence	Incorporates items from SARA and B-Safer - 11 abuser factors focusing on actions by perpetrator that increase risk of woman being abused/decrease woman's level of safety and 12 safety support factors focusing on needs of victim for safety planning purposes through service provider interview (usually victim service) of victim.	DV	Future DV	still in use? - UNKNOWN Inventory of Spousal Violence RA at 9 (see Chart of factors) PROTECT at 14
Bail Safety Program Interview Checklist	ON	Police	Used by police in Ontario to explore victim safety and risk of future domestic violence focusing on relationship history, family composition, power and control, victim perception of risk, checklist completed by police	DV	Future DV	Inventory of Spousal Violence Risk Assessment Tools Used in Canada at 12
Brief Spousal Assault Form for the Evaluation of Risk (B-SAFER)	CA	Kropp, Hart, Webster & Eaves	Condensed version of SARA -V2 used by criminal justice professionals; structured professional judgment tool which considers 10 perpetrator risk factors and 5 victim vulnerability factors with information gathered from same sources as SARA Includes recommended Risk Management Strategies section re: perpetrator monitoring, supervision and A tool consisting of 80 items exploring intrafamilial conflict and violence.	IPV	Risk of future violence and lethality.	Inventory of Spousal Violence Risk Assessment Tools Used in Canada at 14 See Manual PROTECT at p.12 The Validity and Reliability of Available Intimate Partner Homicide and http://rukauk.home.mruni.eu/wp-content/uploads/Conflict-Tactics-Scale.pdf
Conflict Tactics Scale(also a revised version)	USA	Straus				
Danger Assessment	NB, NS	John's Hopkins	Comprised of 1) calendar that survivor can outline severity and frequency of DV instances experienced in the last 12 months; 2) 20 item Y/N checklist of empirically based risk factors related to intimate partner homicide	Lethality/near lethality Re-assault	Risk of lethality (domestic homicide) - includes algorithms for calculating levels of risk	Assessment: Review of International Research at 30. Inventory of Spousal Violence Risk Assessment
Decision-Making Assessment Protocol for Domestic Violence (D-MAP DV)	PEI	Guy Bourgon	Tool to assist probation officers in making decisions where there are conditions related to "no contact except at the discretion of the Probation Officer"	DV	Subsequently used to Future DV	Inventory of Spousal Violence Risk Assessment Tools Used in Canada at 14

Family Violence Risk Factor Checklist	MB	Community organizations in Winnipeg, Winnipeg police, Manitoba Justice Prosecutions, Probation and Victim Services, RESOLVE	Not a formal tool, but a list of risk factors related to offender and victim to assist in making safety assessments. Manitoba Justice Victim Services required to provide report with an analysis of safety factors to Prosecutions if changes to protective orders are requested	DV	Future DV	Inventory of Spousal Violence Risk Assessment Tools Used in Canada at 18.
Four Aspects Screening Tool (FAST)	CAN	Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration (MRCSSI)	Domestic violence screening and assessment tool developed for use with minority, newcomer, and immigrant groups, and within collectivist cultures. The tool focuses on four primary and potentially intersecting aspects that operate as sources of risk within families: (1) universal; (2) ethno-cultural; (3) migration experience; and (4) religious faith. The tool determines the level of risk in the continuum of violence, as well as the strengths and resources in the family and community. The assessment and consultation with the survivor determines who should be involved in the process.	Family violence	Future family violence	see book reference Baobaid, M., & Ashbourne, L. M. (2016). Enhancing culturally integrative family safety response in Muslim communities. Taylor & Francis. See Domestic Homicide in Immigrant and Refugee Populations: Culturally-Informed Risk and Safety Strategies at 9 and 16. http://cdhpi.ca/sites/cdhpi.ca/files/Brief_4-Online-Feb2018-linked-references.pdf .
General Indicators of Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation	York Region	York Region Anti-trafficking Committee	A one-page screening tool designed to help service providers better identify and assist trafficked women and girls. This tool lists indicators related to the individual's appearance (physical and emotional), signs of control, isolation and sex work involvement, and is given to the agencies to use during intake or contact with at-risk women.	Human trafficking	Human trafficking	see "Anti-Human Trafficking Project of the Women's Support Network of York Region: Formative Evaluation"
Guide d'Intervention Info-Social pour prévenir les homicides intrafamiliaux	QB	Centre for Applied Research in Psychosocial Intervention	Guides and assessment grids mandated by Quebec Ministry of Health and Social Services used throughout province by Info-Social services (psychosocial intervention phone service) for crisis interventions	Lethality	Danger in cases where there is risk of domestic homicide	https://publications.msss.gouv.qc.ca/msss/fichiers/2007/07-925-01F.pdf (translation bookmarked)
HCR-20	AB, BC	Webster, Douglas, Eaves and Hart	20 item structured professional judgment risk assessment tool examining historical, clinical and risk management factors of perpetrator for general violence but can be used for DV	General violence, may be applied to spousal violence	Risk of future violence	Used by J-TRAC in Alberta and Surrey BC http://hcr-20.com Inventory of Spousal Violence Risk Assessment Tools Used in Canada in 18-19

Index of Spouse Abuse	USA	Hudson & McIntosh	A tool with 30 items separated into physical and non-physical abuse, to be used by medical professionals. Survivors fill out the questionnaire themselves, categorizing the items as occurring from "never" to "very frequently"	DV	Future DV	The Inter-validity of the Index of Spouse Abuse in African American Women, https://www.researchgate.net/publication/8596304_The_Internal_Validity_of_the_Index_of_Spouse_Abuse_in_African_American_Women
Intervening with men to prevent spousal homicide - Assessing the risk of spousal homicide (tool)	QB	CRI-VIFF and Association a coeur d'homme	2 step tool - 1) ID of risk elements, triggering events and protection elements; 2) risk level categorized as present, aggravated and imminent Service provider also assesses attitudes and behaviours of participants to obtain a full picture Professional judgment + participant importance to each element to	Risk of spousal homicide	Risk of participant committing spousal homicide	See Guide - Intervening with men to prevent spousal homicide (tools begin at p.25 - one to comprehensively assess risk of spousal homicide once risk is lded, one for risk management depending on level of danger
Level of Service Inventory - Revised (LSI-R)	PEI, YK; ON (LSI-OR)	Andrews and Bonta	Used by correctional staff and probation officers for case plans and to ID appropriate supervision levels. Measures based on criminal history, employment, family/marital, companions, alcohol/drugs, emotional/personal, attitudes/orientation	General and violent re-offending for offender	General and violent re-offending in male IPV perpetrators	Inventory of Spousal Violence Risk Assessment Tools Used in Canada (2013) at 21.
National Human Trafficking Assessment Tool	CAN	Canadian Council for Refugees	National human trafficking assessment tool that screen for elements that may indicate the possibility of human trafficking. It is not a clinical tool, but should rather a complement to existing trainings on human trafficking.	Human trafficking	Human trafficking	https://ccrweb.ca/sites/ccrweb.ca/files/national-human-trafficking-assessment-tool.pdf
Offender Risk Assessment Management System - Primary Risk Assessment (ORAMS-PRA)	MB, SK, NV	Manitoba Correctional Services	General risk and needs assessment tool for offenders	General violence	Risk of reoffending	
Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA)	NS, NB, ON, SK, AB, NWT	Developed by the OPP and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care	Uses police/criminal records, or victim interviews, the ODARA is an actuarial tool conducted using 13 risk factors re: substance abuse, previous history of violence, domestic and non-domestic criminal history, threats and acts of confinement committed during most recent incident, victim concerns re: future assaults, # of children in family, victim's barriers to support, etc., identified by researching case files from OPP and municipal police records used by 1st responders - primarily law enforcement/ front-line police officers, but now also used by victim services, health care workers and probation in addition to DV workers.	Risk of re-assault against an intimate partner.	Offender scored compared to other domestic offenders - higher scores related to frequency and severity of future assaults and shorter time until re-offence	Family Violence Risk Assessment: Review of International Research at 34 https://odara.waypointcentre.ca
Preventing Domestic Homicide of Women - An Intervention Guide	Quebec	Interdisciplinary Research Center on Family Violence and Violence against Women (CRI-VIFF) and the Fédération des ressources d'hébergement pour femmes violentées et en difficulté du Québec	The purpose of the guide is to provide workers in community settings with improved assessment and intervention skills in order to prevent intimate partner homicides.	Lethality	Risk of homicide in DV cases	https://www.criviff.qc.ca/sites/criviff.qc.ca/files/publications/pub_108.pdf

Preventing Domestic Homicide of Women - Checklist	Montreal	CRI-VIFF, Service de police de la Ville de Montréal and the Service de police de la Ville de Québec	Information is gathered from the victim regarding personal circumstances and those of the offender to make a risk assessment on lethality. For use by police	Lethality	Risk of homicide in DV cases	See Checklist (French only) Inventory of Spousal RA Tools at 24 http://www.alliance2e.org/files/prevenir-aide-memoire.pdf
Risk of Sexual Violence Protocol (RSVP)	AB	Hart, Kropp, Laws w/ Klaver, Logan and Watt	22-item RA tool that looks at static, dynamic and manageability factors and used to inform effective assessment, case management and interventions to manage and reduce risk for sexual offenders. It is a structured professional judgment tool. Can be used in DV cases if appropriate	Sexual violence	Presence of risk factors and importance to future offending (but not prediction).	used w/ I-TRAC Inventory of Spousal Violence RA Tools at 25 Risk for Sexual Violence Protocol (RSVP): A real world study of the reliability, validity and utility of a structured professional judgement instrument in the assessment and management of sexual offenders in South East Scotland, https://www.researchgate.net
Saskatchewan Primary Risk Assessment (SPRA)	SK	Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice	Actuarial tool used by probation officers for male and female probation after custody/community custody offenders, a 15-item scoring sheet scored for risk levels and cut-offs + more detailed scoring and information records to inform case plan development, risk management and risk reduction strategies.	General violence	Risk of general recidivism (not specific to IPV or sexual violence)	Modified version of Offender Risk Assessment Management System - Primary Risk Assessment Inventory of Spousal Violence RA Tools at 26 The Predictive Validity of the Saskatchewan Primary Risk Assessment (SPRA), https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/lbr/archives/cnmcs-pilot - see "Anti-Human Trafficking Project of the Women's Support Network of York Region: Formative Evaluation"
Screening Assessment Tool (SAT) for Human Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation	ON - York Region (pilot)			Human trafficking	Human trafficking	
Sexual Offender Risk Appraisal Guide (SORAG)	USA	Quinsey, Harris, Rice & Cormier	A one-page form with a list of questions that can be used by service providers to assess if a client may be a victim of sex trafficking. The SORAG is a 14-item actuarial risk scale measuring sexual violence recidivism.	Sexual violence	Sexual recidivism for men who have committed a previous sexual offence.	https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-1-4939-2416-5_21
Shame & Honour Based Violence Awareness Tool	AB - Calgary	Calgary Domestic Violence Committee	This education tool is available to assist frontline service providers and professionals (counsellors, social	Honour-based violence	Future honour-based violence	http://cdvc.ca/shame-and-honour-based-violence-awareness-tool
Spousal Assault Risk Assessment (SARA -V3)	BC (and 15 other countries)	Kropp, Hart, Webster & Eaves (1995)	Structured professional judgment tool consisting of 24 risk factors scored 0-2 under three categories: Nature of domestic violence, Perpetrator risk factors, Victim vulnerability factors (new to this version). Information is gathered through perpetrator and survivor interviews, standardized measures of psychological and emotional abuse and other records. Score is followed by a summary clinical judgment of the risk.	Physical/sexual assault and threats of death.	Risk of imminent or future violence and lethality to family members based on number of items present and whether any item is critical.	Family violence risk assessment - Review of international research at 32 Inventory of Spousal Violence RA Tools at 26 (V2) Intimate Partner Violence Risk Assessment (Kropp, 2008) at 210. V3 w/ guide for use taken from "An Examination of Interrater Reliability and

Stalking Assessment and Management (SAM)	AB, BC	Kropp, Hart, Lyon	Structured professional judgment RA tool consisting of 30 items categorized into 3 domains: nature of stalking, perpetrator risk factors and victim vulnerability factors ;coded twice for current and previous situations on a 3-point scale (absent, possibly/partially present, present) to form summary risk judgments (Case Prioritization, Risk for Continued Stalking of the current victim and Risk for Serious Physical Harm during stalking on a three point scale (low/moderate/high) to assist with interventions to prevent stalking behaviour.	Current and previous stalking behaviour	Risk of future stalking behaviour where there is a known or suspected history of stalking targeting the same victim	See "The reliability and predictive validity of the Guidelines for Stalking Assessment and Management (SAM)"
Summary of Domestic Violence Risk Factors	BC	Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General	Summary of some of the risk factors associated with increased likelihood of future violence in relationships categorized as: 1) Relationship history; 2) Complainant's perception of risk, 3) Suspect History, 4) Access to weapons	DV	Likelihood of future violence in relationships	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/victims-of-crime/vs-info-for-professionals/info-resources/vscp-info-bulletin-dec2010.pdf Inventory of Spousal Violence RA Tools at 28
SVR-20	Canada	Douglas R. Boer, Stephen D. Hart, P. Randall Kropp, and Christopher D. Webster	Considered an investigative job aid The SVR-20 is a 20-item checklist of risk factors for sexual violence that were identified by a review of the literature on sex offenders; factors assessed include psychosocial adjustment, history of sexual offenses, and future plans. Specifies which risk factors should be assessed and how the risk assessment should be conducted. The list of risk factors is empirically related to future sexual violence, useful in making decisions about the management of sex offenders.	Sexual violence	Recidivism for sexual violence	https://endingviolence.org The Reliability and Validity of the Sexual Violence Risk-20 (SVR-20): An International Review: http://www.sexual-offender-treatment.org/2-2009_01.html
Threat Assessment Questions for Field Personnel	BC - Vancouver	Domestic Violence and Criminal Harassment Unit of the Vancouver Police Department	Investigative guide for police based on 13 risk factors (and specific questions in each category) - 1 category re: children, 1 category re: victim remaining categories re: accused	DV	Future DV	https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/cj-jp/fv-vf/rr09_7/p5.html
Tool to assess the safety of victims of domestic violence and of their loved ones	QB - certain regions	Fondation du Carrefour Sécurité en violence conjugale	Developed and validated as part of the Carrefour Sécurité en Violence Conjugale project to assess risk to the safety of victims and their loved ones that have not achieved any clinical	DV	Future DV	Tool evaluated in book - Validation de l'outil d'évaluation du niveau de compromission de la sécurité des victimes de
Violence in Relationship Investigative Checklist	NL	RCMP?	Investigative tool used by RCMP to assist in determining increased risk to victims	DV	Future DV	Inventory of Spousal Violence RA Tools at 30
Violence in Relationships - Investigative Procedures Guide	BC	RCMP?	Investigative and risk assessment guide used by RCMP "E" Division (BC division) in every DV investigation. The guide includes sections on evidence/info gathering, statement and risk assessment components, safety planning, arrest, court and release and monitoring	DV	Future DV	Inventory of Spousal Violence RA Tools at 30
Violence Risk Appraisal Guide (VRAG)	CAN	Hilton, Harris, Rice, Houghton	Part 2 specifically outlines 19 risk factors Actuarial risk assessment instrument made up of 12 questions including the Psychopathy checklist (PCL-R)	General violence	Risk of general violence reoffending among maximum security violent offenders	Battered Women's Perceptions of Risk Versus Risk Factors and Instruments in Predicting Repeat Reassault (Heckerl & Gondolf, 780)
Walking the Path Together: Danger Assessment for Indigenous Communities	AB	Alberta Council of Women's Shelters – developed in consultation with Dr.	Walking the Path Together is the DA modified to address the unique situation of Indigenous women living on reserves, including derivation from cultural. Several family protocols have been developed in different sectors, including justice, health, and human services.	Family violence and child abuse, lethality	Family violence and child abuse, lethality	https://cbpp-pcpe.phac-aspc.gc.ca/aboriginalwtt/walking-the-path-together/
Woman Abuse Protocols	PEI	Coalition for Woman Abuse Policy & Protocol Prince Edward Island		DV	Future DV	Hospital Emergency Domestic Violence Protocol: http://sosvics.eintegra.es/Documentacion/01-Medica/01-02-Protocolos/01-02-004-EN.pdf Website: "http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/PAC_Strategy16E.pdf"
Workplace Violence Risk Assessment Tools	ON	Public Services Health & Safety Association	There are several tools created by the PSHA, and mandated by the Ontario Health and Safety Act. These tools include: Workplace Violence Risk	General violence	General Violence	https://www.psha.ca/resources/workplace-violence-risk-assessment-tools