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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS

"Risk assessments can be used to predict intimate partner violence (broadly), lethality (specifically), or other outcomes of interest (e.g., general recidivism or violent or DV recidivism). In terms of predicting outcomes, risk assessments that address intimate partner violence generally take one of two perspectives: (1) the protection of the victim or (2) the perpetrator's re-offense" (Report to the Washington State Legislature and Governor Jay Inslee, 2018). [1]

ONTARIO DOMESTIC ASSAULT RISK ASSESSMENT (ODARA) [2]
- Completed by law enforcement in the field when responding to DV calls
- Relies on criminal records and results of investigation to predict the likelihood of re-assault
- The higher the score, the greater the risk of re-offense
- Risk assessment information can determine the appropriate intervention, including use in the criminal justice system.
- ODARA Scoring Form

DANGER ASSESSMENT [3]
- 20-item questionnaire that determines the level of danger a survivor has of being killed by their intimate partner
- Questions answered in a yes/no manner to determine score
- Often used by domestic violence programs/advocates and health care workers
- Assessment questionnaire

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[1] Washington Gender and Justice Commission. June 2018. Domestic Violence Risk Assessment" Report to the Washington State Legislature and Governor Jay Inslee. Retrieved from: http://www.courts.wa.gov/content/publicUpload/GJCOM/DV_Risk_Assessment_Sec8.pdf.

[2] Ontario Domestic Violence Assault Risk Assessment, ODARA 101. Retrieved from: https://odara.waypointcentre.ca/

[3] Jackie Campbell's Danger Assessment. Retrieved from: https://www.dangerassessment.org/about.aspx

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Tool	ODARA	Danger Assessment
Predicts	Re-assault by offender	Risk of Femicide (victim)
Developed for use by:	First responders/law enforcement	Healthcare providers & advocates
Time required	5-10 minutes	One hour +
Purpose	Easy-to-use front-line actuarial tool/ guide for interventions that reduce re-assaults	Identify femicide risk factors in IPV relation-ships with aim of preventing it
Limitations	Limited eligible cases: assault/crim. threatening w/ weapon; IPV/dating	Time to administer
Benefits	Informs criminal justice decisions; provides context; focus on offenders	Enhances the risk analysis to include risk of lethality; context; focus on victims
Diverse populations	Tested in rural and large municipal areas, and with First Nations data	DA for Immigrant Women, DA-R for abusive female same-sex relationships

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