IS YOUR LIFE IN DANGER?

THE GREATER THE NUMBER OF INDICATORS BELOW THAT ARE PRESENT, THE GREATER THE LIKLIHOOD OF A LIFE THREATENING ATTACK.

☐ Has the abuser threatened to kill you, the children, your relatives or himself? Prior threats to kill is one of the strongest risk factors consistently linked to homicide.

☐ Has the abuser expressed ideas, dreams or fantasies about killing you, the children, your relatives or himself? The risk is greater if the abuser is very specific about his plans or intended methods.

☐ Has he made more than one threat? Daily? Monthly?

☐ Is there availability of or past use of weapons (guns, knives, etc) Access to a gun or knives is strong indicator of homicide risk.

☐ Has the abuser ever used his hands or an object to choke, strangle or suffocate you? These are high risk factors for homicide.

☐ Does the abuser express ownership of you (“You can never leave me”; “If I can’t have you no one else can”; “Death before divorce”)?

☐ Does your partner depend heavily on you to organize and sustain his life; idolize you; isolate himself and you from all other aspects of community life?

☐ Has there been stalking, hostage-taking, abduction or separation violence?

☐ Has there been escalation of the abuser’s violence or risk behavior. Often increases prior to attempting homicide.

☐ Is there frequent use of alcohol or drugs?

Contact law enforcement if you have been threatened.

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