# **RISK ASSESSMENT AND SAFETY PLANNING PROCEDURES**

## **1. Risk Assessment Guidelines**

### **1.1 Comprehensive Risk Assessment Framework**

## **Immediate Danger Indicators**

* Current physical violence
* Threats of lethal violence
* Access to weapons/firearms
* Hostage situations
* Violent behavior in progress
* Immediate suicide risk
* Children in immediate danger

## **Historical Risk Factors**

* Previous incidents of violence
  + Frequency of incidents
  + Severity progression
  + Types of violence used
  + Recovery periods between incidents
* Previous police involvement
* Protection order violations
* Criminal history
* Previous threats carried out
* History of weapon use
* Past hostage-taking
* Animal abuse history

## **Perpetrator Risk Factors**

* Access to victim
* Stalking behaviors
  + Physical following
  + Digital surveillance
  + Workplace harassment
  + Family/friend harassment
* Control tactics
  + Financial control
  + Social isolation
  + Movement restrictions
  + Communication monitoring
* Substance abuse
* Mental health status
* Employment status
* Previous relationship violence
* Cultural/religious beliefs about violence

## **Victim Vulnerability Factors**

* Pregnancy/recent childbirth
* Disability status
  + Physical limitations
  + Mental health conditions
  + Cognitive impairments
  + Sensory disabilities
* Economic dependence
* Immigration status
  + Documentation status
  + Language barriers
  + Cultural isolation
* Geographic isolation
* Support system access
* Health conditions
* Age-related vulnerabilities
* Recommended advice and referral