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## ***Intimate Partner Violence.Risk Evaluation.***

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## *Intimate Partner Violence. Risk Evaluation*



### Confirmation of IPV



### Assessment:

- BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL
- VIOLENCE SITUATION
- SAFETY AND RISK ASSESSMENT



1. **Physical vital risk** due to the seriousness of injuries
- 2.-**Psychological vital risk**: Suicide risk
- 3.-**Extreme risk of further aggressions or homicide**

Protocolo común para  
la actuación sanitaria

**Common Protocol  
healthcare action against  
Gender Violence.  
2012, NHS (Spain)**

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## ***I. P. V. Risk Evaluation***

- ***What risk situation may a woman victim of IPV (and her children) face after disclosure or filing a complaint?***
- ***Which risk should we assess?***
- ***How to assess them ?***
- ***Could our intervention increase risk after disclosure?***
- ***How to proceed concerning risk level?***



## *Intimate Partner Violence. Risk Evaluation*

**Disclosure of a case IPV in health services: PC , midwives... SS, etc.**



**Complaint**



**Police  
Judge**



**Risk Assesment and  
protection measures**



**Woman refuse the complaint**

**Risk Assesment**

**High risk**



**Mandatory reporting**

**Low Risk**



**Security advise**



**Refer :Intervention Plan**



## Confirmation of IPV case

### Assessment:

#### **BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL**

- Injuries and physical symptoms.
- Emotional situation.
- Family situation.
- Economic and employment situation
- Social support network of the woman.

#### **OF THE VIOLENCE SITUATION**

- Type of violence, since when it is suffered
- Frequency and intensity of violence
- Aggressor behavior, at social and family level
- If there has been aggressions to other people or relatives
- Coping mechanism developed by the woman.
- Stage of motivation to change process



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### **SAFETY AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

- Determine if the woman is in extreme danger or not

Up to this moment we assessed:

- 1.-Behaviour of the perpetrator
- 2.-Victim's personal perception of safety and fear of the perpetrator



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### **We need a tool:**

- Valide
- Short
- Easily applicable in our medical consultation



## ***Intimate Partner Violence.Risk Assessment.***

### **INDICATORS OF EXTREME DANGER. (I)**

This assessment is done together with the woman:

- Threats with weapons or use of them.
- Threats or attempts to murder her and/or her children.
- Threats or attempts of suicide of the patient.
- Mistreatment (children or other family members).
- Serious injuries, even requiring hospitalization.
- Threats or harassment despite being separated.
- Increased intensity and frequency of violence.
- Aggressions during pregnancy.
- Repeated sexual abuse





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### **EXTREMER RISK INDICATORS.**

#### **BEHAVIOUR OF THE PERPETRATOR**

- Violent behavior outside home.
- Paranoid disorders, extreme jealousy
- Obsessive control of her daily activities.
- Increased isolation.
- Consumption of alcohol or drugs by the partner.
- Low or no remorse of the aggressor.

#### **To consider the perception of danger by the woman:**

- Does she feel safe at home?
- Can she go home now?
- Are her children safe?
- Where is the aggressor now?
- Does any family member or friend know her situation? Would they help?

Professional criteria after joint assessment (based in the interview and the assessment)

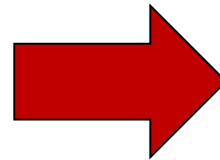


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**Critical analysis:** Professionals would feel safer if they could use a objective tool to assess the risk:

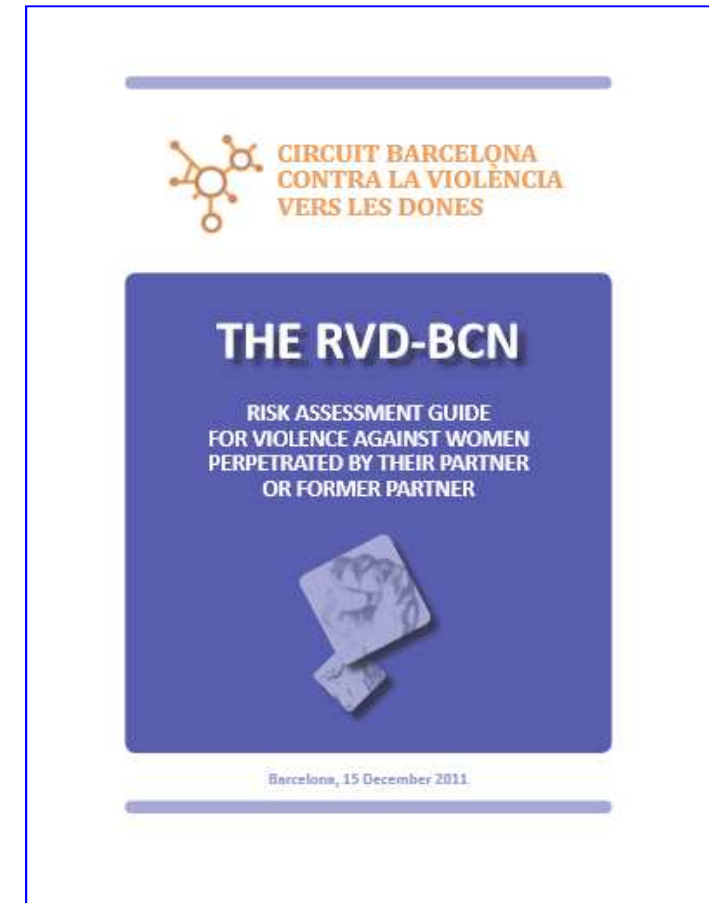
Should be:

- Agile in the execution
- Acceptable
- Valid



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<http://www.cep-probation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/RVD-BCN-Risk-assessment-guide-violence-women-april-2012.pdf>





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### **Alternatives:**

### **INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE **RVD – BCN****

The questionnaire is composed of **16 risk factors** (with three possible answers: “yes”, “no” or “not known”) **grouped in 5 categories:**


1. Presumed perpetrator violent behaviour background (5)
2. Threats and/or severe abuse towards the woman (2)
3. Aggravating circumstances (7)
4. Vulnerability factors of the woman (1)
5. Risk situation perception by the woman (1)

### **Estimated risk:**

- LOW RISK: from 1 to 7 positive answers.
- MEDIUM RISK: from 8 to 9 positive answers.
- HIGH RISK: from 10 to 16 positive answers

At least 7 questions have to be answered in order to obtain a risk level. There is always an intervention following established criteria according to the estimated risk.

# IPV assessment questionnaire and action guidelines



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## THE RVD-BCN

### Risk assessment guide for violence against women perpetrated by their partner

File no. / Record no.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of assessment: / / \_\_\_\_\_

Woman's name and surnames: \_\_\_\_\_

Spanish or Foreign National Identification no. / Passport no.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: / / \_\_\_\_\_

History of violent conduct by partner or former partner		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
1	Assaults or physical and/or sexual violence towards the woman or former partners in the last eighteen months.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Assaults or violence against other persons whether or not family members (children or others).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Assaults on the woman during pregnancy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Police/criminal record of violence against the partner/former partner (current partner or other partners in previous incidents).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	The offender has breached the woman's court protection measures.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Threats and/or severe abuse of the woman		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
6	The woman has received serious and credible threats to her physical integrity, and/or with the use of weapons.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	The woman has suffered severe emotional and verbal abuse in the last six months.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Aggravating circumstances		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
8	The woman informs the alleged offender of her wish to separate or the separation occurred less than six months ago.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Increase in the frequency or severity of the violent incidents in the last six months.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	The alleged offender abuses drugs and/or alcohol.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Diagnosis or history of severe mental disorder in the alleged offender.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Possession or easy access to weapons by the alleged offender.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Suicide attempts or ideation on the part of the alleged offender.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Extreme control of woman's conduct out of jealousy or similar feelings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>


Woman's vulnerability factors		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
15	Woman's social isolation and/or lack of personal resources, and/or the woman's justification of the violence inflicted by the alleged offender, and/or the presence of the woman's children that are minors and/or dependents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Woman's appraisal of the risk situation		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
16	The woman believes that the alleged offender is capable of killing her personally or having her killed by third parties.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUM OF POSITIVE RESPONSES / RISK ASSESSMENT	TOTAL UNKNOWN
LOW RISK (1 to 7 positive responses)	<input type="checkbox"/>
MODERATE RISK (8 to 9 positive responses)	<input type="checkbox"/>
HIGH RISK (10 to 16 positive responses)	<input type="checkbox"/>

The RVD-BCN is useful if information is available on some or more risk factors. Otherwise it is recommended that total assessments will be made using the maximum number of the score recommended risk factors is possible.

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Other relevant risk factors to assess the violence risk for this woman that are missing in the above list (list but do not score)

She is pregnant when this assessment is being undertaken.

There are indications that the partner or former partner intends to kill her.

Other (specify):

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RISK ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED BY THE PROFESSIONAL

The risk assessment by the professional is made based on the aforementioned sections (score obtained, number of risk factors without information and the presence of other important risk factors for this assessment).

LOW RISK

MODERATE RISK

HIGH RISK

Observations

MANAGEMENT PLAN ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT EXISTING RISK ASSESSMENT

FORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY HEIGHTEN THE LEVEL OF RISK IN THE FUTURE (ALERT)

(For instance: the offender is released from prison, the offender is returning from their country of origin or other destinations, etc.)

Professional conducting the assessment:

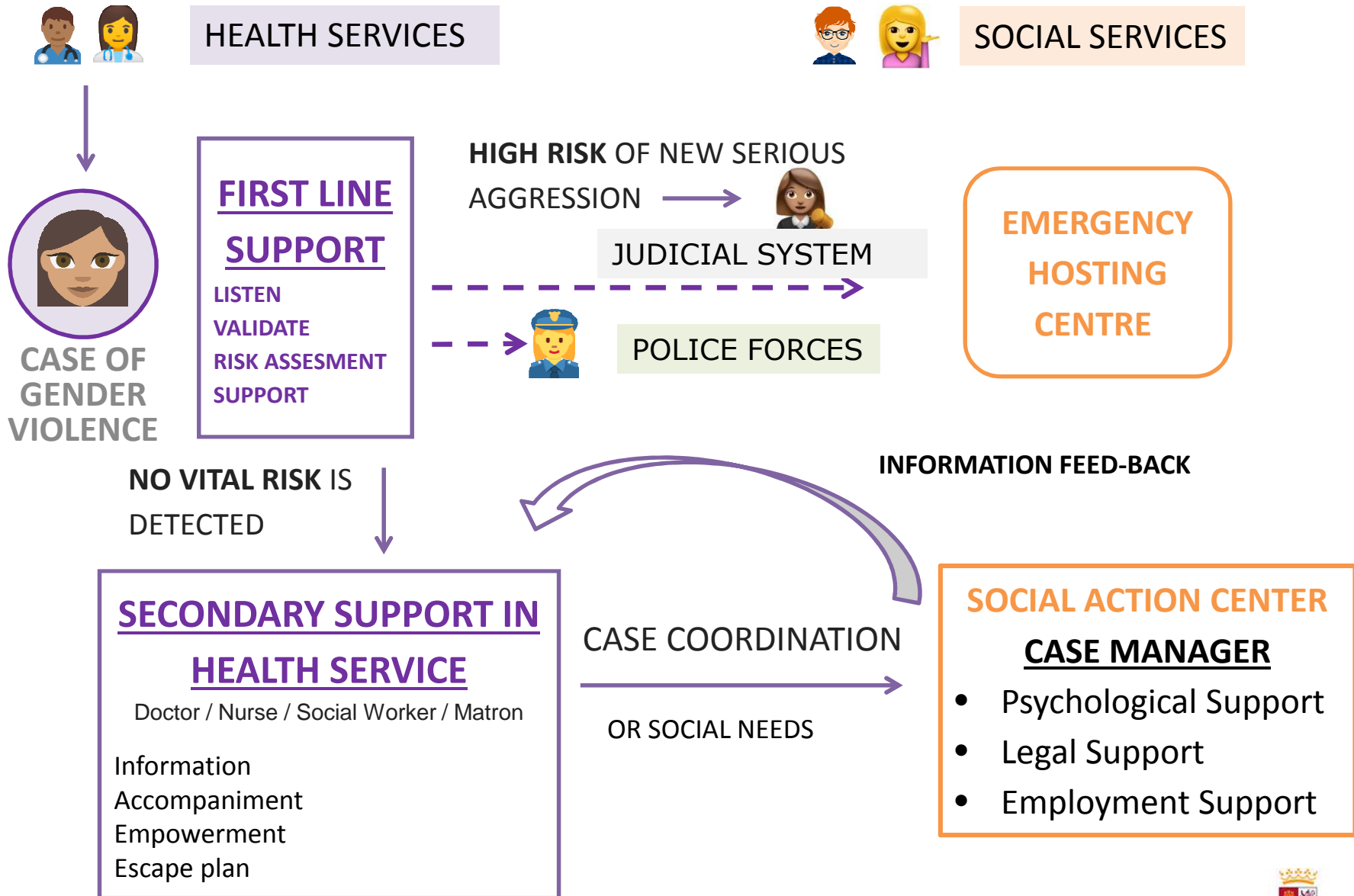
Name and surname(s) or identification no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Spanish or Foreign National Identification No. / Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **When do we communicate to the judge?**

- **When the result of the assessment is a high level of risk.**

### **How to do it?**

- **By telephone urgently**

### **Who should do it?**

- **The professional who has made the assesment**

**It´s necessary to inform the woman about proceedings, but in extreme danger we always have to comunicate the judge telling that the women didn´t want us to do it.**

**The judge will establish the protection measures that he considers appropriate depending on the case**



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### **When to communicate to the police forces?**

**When due to extreme danger situation, immediate protection is advisable.**

### **Who?**

**Directly by the health professional or social services that is attending the victim and has made the risk assessment**

### **How?**

**By telephone immediately**

**In usual cases, which do not require immediate action, the judge establishes the action of the security forces**



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### **CONCLUSIONS**

- The inclusion of this tool, (opcional) is an advantage for primary care physicians.
- They have a more objective method to assess the risk which provides safety to the doctor and the patient
- Homogeneous tool for health and social services ( FFSS:Viogen)
- The risk assessment can be known in the different devices by real-time communication through the online platform, avoiding security gaps for the victim. At this moment only the court could access to the information of the social report.





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# Thank you so much!

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