# **Family violence risk factors**

#### Risk factors relevant to adult victim circumstances

- Physical assault whilst pregnant/following new birth\*
- Self-assessed level of risk #
- Planning to leave or recent separation\*
- Escalation increase in severity and/or frequency of violence\*
- Financial abuse/difficulties (including property damage)
- Imminence #

## Risk factors specific to children caused by perpetrator behaviours

- Exposure to family violence #
- Sexualised behaviours towards a child by the perpetrator #
- Child intervention in violence #
- Behaviour indicating non-return of child #
- Undermining the child-parent relationship #
- Professional and statutory intervention #

#### **Risk factors specific to children's circumstances**



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- History of professional involvement and/or statutory intervention #
- Change in behaviour not explained by other causes #
- Child as victim in other forms of harm #



## Risk factors for adult or child victims caused by perpetrator behaviours

- Controlling behaviours\*
- Access to weapons\*
- Use of weapon in most recent event\*
- Has ever harmed or threatened to harm victim or family members
- Has ever tried to strangle or choke the victim\*
- Has ever threatened to kill victim\*
- Has ever harmed or threatened to harm or kill pets or other animals\*
- Has ever threatened or tried to self harm or suicide\*
- Stalking of victim\*
- Sexual assault of victim\*
- Previous or current breach of court orders/Intervention Order
- History of family violence #
- History of violent behaviour (not family violence)
- Obsession/jealous behaviour towards victim\*
- Unemployed/ Disengaged from education\*
- Drug and/or alcohol misuse\*
- Mental illness/Depression
- Isolation
- Physical harm #
- Emotional abuse #
- Property damage #

**Note: bold and** \*increased risk of the victim being killed or almost killed (serious risk factors).

# New risk factors not previously included in CRAF