

SAFETY CHECK

- Is the abuser here now?
- Is the client afraid of abuser?
- Is there alcohol or substance abuse?
- Has physical violence increased in severity?
- Has anyone physically abused the children?
- Have the children witnessed violence in the home?
- Have there been threats of homicide?
- Have there been threats of suicide?
- Has the abuser ever attempted to choke or strangle?
- Is the client afraid to go home?
- Is there a gun in the home?
- Does the client want referral?

IF CHILDREN ARE UNSAFE FOLLOW THE CYF CHILD ABUSE REPORTING PROCEDURES.



PROMPTS FOR SCREENING CLIENTS ABOUT FAMILY VIOLENCE

- Family violence is really common in New Zealand so we now routinely ask clients about violence in their home.
- Is/was there any violence in your relationship/home?
 - Are you safe now?
 - Are your children safe?
- Is there a partner from a previous relationship who is making you feel unsafe?
- Would you like us to refer you to someone who can support you through this?
- Do you know someone who needs support?



DO NOT USE PROMPTS WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT

Clients with protection orders can access free support services and programmes through the Family Court for themselves and their children.