



## PROMPTS FOR SCREENING CLIENTS

- 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.

## SAFETY CHECK

- Is the abuser here now?
- Is the client afraid of abuser?
- Is the client afraid to go home?
- 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 there a gun in the home?
- Is there any alcohol or substance abuse?
- Does the client want referral?

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