

PRE-VISIT ASSESSMENT TOOL

This tool provides practical questions for assessing the potential for violent or aggressive behaviour in a client, visitor, or family member prior to conducting a home visit

A “Yes” response indicates an elevated risk and appropriate control measures should be considered.

Pre-Visit Assessment Tool (Sample questions to ask during the phone interview)

ASSESSMENT ITEM	YES/NO	ACTION REQUIRED <i>*Refer to sections A1-A4 & E1-E2</i>
1. Is the client resistant to the home visit?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
2. Is there a history of violent or aggressive behaviour by the client or persons in the dwelling?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
3. Are there any triggers associated with the violent/ aggressive episodes, such as when limits are set or during specific activities/events?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
4. Does the client have any medical conditions that may predispose them to violent or aggressive behaviour including head injury, substance abuse, or cognitive impairment?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
5. Is the violent/aggressive behaviour directed toward a specific person or group of persons?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
6. Will the person(s), towards whom the violent/ aggressive behaviour is directed, be present during the health care worker's home visit?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
7. Have threats recently been made against the client?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
8. Are you aware of restraining orders issued against anyone in the household?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
9. Are firearms or other dangerous weapons kept in the home?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
10. Are there pets or animals in the home?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	

*Further information on assessment items and actions required can be found in the PSHSA booklet “Assessing Violence in the Community: A Handbook for the Workplace”, free to download at www.pshsa.ca or available to purchase through the PSHSA store.