

Assessing Violence in the Community – Assessment Tools

The up-front planning that a community care organization and the care provider completes for the provision of care to clients in the community is critical to ensuring employee safety. Based on the PSHSA booklet “Assessing Violence in the Community: A Handbook for the Workplace”, the following tools guide you through the assessment of three elements that should be considered in the planning process.

- **Pre-visit Assessment** – This assessment of a client and home should be completed by the supervisor or case manager prior to a visit. [Click here to access.](#)
 1. Read through each assessment item and answer the question with a ‘yes’ or ‘no’.
 2. A ‘yes’ response indicates an elevated risk and an appropriate control measure should be considered.
 3. Document the action you will take in the column on the right.
 4. When completed, print the form or save a PDF of the form.
 5. Share the completed form with workers and clearly communicate risk factors.
- **Pre-Travel Assessment** – This assessment of the geographical region and travel route should be completed by the supervisor prior to the first visit by an employee. Gather information over the phone, from police or by conducting a site visit. [Click here to access.](#)
 1. Read through each assessment item and answer the question with a ‘yes’ or ‘no’.
 2. A ‘no’ response indicates elevated risk and appropriate control measure consideration.
 3. Document the action you will take in the column on the right.
 4. When completed, print the form or save a PDF of the form.
 5. Share the completed form with workers and clearly communicate risk factors.
- **Worker Home/Community Hazard Assessment** – This on-going assessment of the environment and client should be completed by the supervisor or any employee who enters the home. [Click here to access.](#)
 1. Read through the risk factors for each section and answer the question with a ‘yes’ or ‘no’.
 2. Review general instructions, suggested controls and risk specific tips, and determine if any of these types can help control the risk.
 3. Identify any other actions that should be taken and list in the column on the right.
 4. When completed, you can print the form or save a PDF of the form.

View a webcast to learn how to use the tools

Recorded Webcast at <http://pshsa.adobeconnect.com/p22tytypqir/>

Need help determining which action you should take? More detailed information, suggested controls and risk specific tips can be found in the PSHSA booklet *Assessing Violence in the Community: A handbook for the workplace*, available free to download from the PSHSA website www.pshsa.ca or to purchase through the [PSHSA store](#).