

Colorado Safety Assessment / Plan

Family Name:	Worker:	Date:
Reason for a Safety Assessment:	Referral:	

Summarize the results of each assessment area to determine impending danger:

Extent of Maltreatment

Surrounding Circumstances of Maltreatment

Child Functioning

Adult Functioning

General Parenting Practices

Disciplinary Parenting Practices

Safety Concerns

Select "yes" for all safety concerns present. When determining if a safety concern is present, review the definition for each safety concern. To select a safety concern, the following impending danger criteria must be present:

- Observable threat
- Severe harm could result.
- Out-of control
- Potential of severe harm is imminent.

Below each safety concern marked "yes", describe the behaviors, conditions and/or family circumstance associated with the safety concern. If one or more safety concerns is selected, complete Safety Conclusion and Child Vulnerability to determine if additional sections are required to be completed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 1. Caregiver(s) in the home is out of control and/or violent.
<input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2. Caregiver(s) describes or acts toward the child(ren) in predominately negative terms and/or has unrealistic expectations likely to cause severe harm.
<input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3. Caregiver(s) has caused harm to the child or has made a credible threat of severe harm.
<input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 4. Caregiver(s)' explanations of severe injuries present are unconvincing.
<input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 5. The caregiver refuses access to the child or there is reason to believe the family will flee.
<input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 6. Caregiver(s) is unwilling or unable to meet the child's immediate needs for food, clothing and shelter, which is likely to result in severe harm.
<input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 7. Caregiver(s) is unwilling or unable to meet the child's moderate to severe medical or mental health care needs.
<input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 8. Caregiver(s) has not or is unable to provide sufficient supervision to protect the child from potentially severe harm.
<input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 9. Child is fearful of caregiver(s), other family members, or other people living in, or having access to, the home.
<input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 10. Child's physical living conditions seriously endanger the child's immediate health.
<input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 11. Caregiver(s) alleged or observed substance use may seriously affect ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.
<input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 12. Child sexual abuse is suspected and circumstances suggest that child safety is of immediate concern.
<input type="checkbox"/> No |

- Yes 13. Caregiver(s) alleged or observed emotional instability or developmental delay seriously affects his or her ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.
 No

- Yes 14. Domestic violence exists in the home and places child in danger of physical and/or emotional harm.
 No

- Yes 15. Caregiver(s) has previously abused or neglected a child or is suspected of such, and the severity of the past maltreatment or caregiver's response to previous intervention suggests impending danger to the child.
 No

Safety Assessment Conclusion

NO Safety Concerns are identified. There are no children likely to be in danger of severe harm. No further safety action is necessary. If checked, stop here.

One or more safety concerns is identified. Proceed with Child Vulnerability Determination

Child Vulnerability Determination

Indicate if there is a child in the home who is 0-6 years old or unable to either self-protect, assertively prevent harm, or access protective relationships due to physical and emotional development, inability to communicate needs, mobility, size or lack of robustness or dependence or susceptibility.

NO vulnerable child identified in the home. There is no impending danger and children are determined to be safe. No further safety intervention is necessary. If checked stop here after providing justification below regarding the ability of the child(ren) to self-protect in home environment:

There is impending danger; one or more safety concerns are identified and there is a vulnerable child in the home. Proceed to Safety Decision.

Safety Decision

Caregiver Protective Capacity Determination

The safety decision is based on a consideration of impending danger and caregiver(s) protective capacities. Indicate if there is one or more non-maltreating caregiver(s) and/or other responsible caregiver(s) (i.e. family members) who is/are willing and have the emotional, behavioral, and cognitive capacity to manage identified safety concerns and assure child safety.

Caregiver protective capacities and family actions address all safety concerns (impending danger). The child(ren) is/are determined to be **SAFE**. No further safety intervention is necessary. If checked, stop here after providing justification below regarding how the caregiver protective capacities and family actions will address family concerns:

Caregiver protective capacities and family actions do not address all safety concerns (impending danger). The child(ren) is/are determined to be **UNSAFE**. Further safety intervention is necessary to manage safety concerns. Proceed to Safety Intervention Analysis.

Safety Intervention Analysis

Analyze and document whether the current home environment is stable enough to support an in-home safety plan, the extent to which caregiver(s) is/are willing to accept and cooperate with the use of an in-home safety plan, and whether there are resources accessible, and the level of effort available, to sufficiently control safety concerns.

Check one of the following:

Safety Intervention Analysis does not support in-home safety planning. Safety will be managed through placement in a certified home/facility or a relative/kin placement when Child Welfare has custody. An in-home safety plan will not be done at this time.

The home environment is minimally stable, caregiver(s) is/ are willing to support and cooperate with Child Welfare in assuring child safety in the home and sufficient safety actions can be taken to control/address safety concerns. An in-home safety plan will be completed.

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Safety Plan

All selected safety concerns must be addressed in the safety plan and must meet the following criteria:

- Least restrictive response
- Action-oriented
- Immediately controls for safety
- Actions correspond to each safety threat.
- Safety resources are readily accessible at the level required to assure safety.

Describe what tasks will be done, by whom, how often and duration. Indicate caseworker activities to oversee the safety plan. Provide copies of plan to parents, caregivers, and others who are a part of the plan.

Was a protective plan completed prior to this plan? Yes ___ No ___

Family Agreement with Safety Plan

We have participated in the development of and reviewed this safety plan and agree to work with the providers and services as described above.

Safety Plan Participants and Parent(s) _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____ Date: _____

Caseworker / Supervisor Agreement with Safety Plan

Caseworker _____ Date: _____

Supervisor _____ Date: _____

SAFETY ASSESSMENT DEFINITIONS

1. Caregiver(s) in the home is violent.
 - Behaves in a way that seems to indicate a serious lack of self-control (e.g., aggressive, passed out, bizarre, immobilized, reckless, unstable, raging, explosive)
 - Suicidal
 - Extreme physical or verbal anger or hostile outburst at child
 - Uses brutal or bizarre punishment (e.g., scalding with hot water, burning with cigarettes, forced feeding)
 - Uses guns, knives, or other weapons in a violent way
 - Violently shakes or chokes child to stop a particular behavior

2. Caregiver(s) describes or acts toward child in predominately negative terms and/or has unrealistic expectations likely to cause severe harm.
 - Describes child as evil, stupid, ugly or in some other demeaning or degrading manner
 - Directs profanity to a child and/or repeatedly attacks child's self esteem
 - Requires child to perform or act in a way that is impossible or improbable for the child's age or developmental level (e.g., babies and toddlers expected not to cry, expected to be still for extended periods, be toilet trained or eat neatly. School age children expected to care for younger siblings, expected to stay alone)
 - Sees child as responsible for the caregiver's/family problems

3. Caregiver(s) has caused harm to the child or has made a credible threat of severe harm.
 - Causes injury (e.g., fractures, poisoning, suffocating, shooting, choke marks, severe or extensive burns, serious bruises/welts, serious bite marks etc.)
 - Uses action, inaction or threat which would result in serious harm (e.g., kill, starve, lock out of home, etc.)
 - Plans to retaliate against child for CPS investigation
 - Uses torture or physical force which exceeds reasonable discipline
 - Caregiver fears he/she will maltreat child
 - Caregiver(s) explanations of severe injuries present are unconvincing.
 - Explanation for the observed injury is inconsistent with casework/law enforcement/medical evaluation of the injury
 - Description of the cause of the injury minimizes the extent of harm to the child
 - Environmental factors and/or circumstances are inconsistent with the type of injury

4. Caregiver(s) explanations of severe injuries present are unconvincing.
 - Acknowledge the presence of injuries or conditions but pleaded ignorant as to how they occurred.
 - Concerned about child's condition but unable to explain it.
 - Parents appear fully competent except regarding the abuse and the lack of an explanation or an explanation that makes no sense.
 - Sexual abuse has occurred caregivers deny the abuse, blame the child, or offer no explanation or an unbelievable explanation.
 - "Battered Child Syndrome" case circumstances are present and the caregivers appear to be competent but there are no explanations for the child's symptoms.
 - Facts observed by caseworkers or others that relate to the injuries or conditions contradict the explanations given.

5. The caregiver(s) refuses access to the child or there is reason to believe the family will flee.
 - Has previously fled in response to a CPS investigation

- Has removed child from a hospital against medical advice
 - Has history of keeping child at home, away from peers, school, and/or other outsiders for extended periods
 - Will not disclose the location of the child
6. Caregiver(s) is unwilling or unable to meet the child's immediate needs for food, clothing, and shelter, which is likely to result in severe harm.
- No food provided or available or child is deprived of food or drink for prolonged periods.
 - Child appears malnourished, has distended stomach, gray skin, and/or has height or weight inappropriate for his/her age
 - Child without minimally protective clothing
 - No housing or emergency shelter: child must sleep in streets, car, etc.
7. Caregiver(s) is unwilling or unable to meet the child's moderate to severe medical or mental health care needs.
- Child has exceptional needs which the caregiver does not meet
 - Child is suicidal and the caregiver(s) does not take protective action
 - Child shows effects of maltreatment, such as serious emotional symptoms, behavior control, or serious physical symptoms, is lethargic or has flat affect
 - Does not seek treatment for child's immediate and dangerous medical condition(s)
 - Does not follow prescribed treatment for such condition(s)
8. Caregiver(s) has not or is unable to provide sufficient supervision to protect child from potentially severe harm.
- Does not attend to child to the extent that need for adequate care goes unnoticed or unmet (e.g., although caregiver present, child can wander outdoors alone, play with dangerous objects, play on unprotected window ledge or be exposed to other serious hazards)
 - Leaves child alone (time period varies with age and developmental stage)
 - Makes inadequate and/or inappropriate baby-sitting or child care arrangements or demonstrates very poor planning for child's care
 - Has abandoned child
 - Caregiver's whereabouts are unknown or caregiver removed from home
9. Child is fearful of caregiver(s), other family members, or other people living in, or having access to, the home.
- Cries, cowers, cringes, trembles, or otherwise exhibits fear in the presence of certain individuals or verbalizes such fear
 - Exhibits severe anxiety (e.g., nightmares, insomnia and enuresis) related to situation(s) associated with a person(s) in the home
 - Has reasonable fears of retribution or retaliation from caregivers
 - Exhibits emotional/ behavior disturbances related to situation(s) with a person in the home
10. Child's physical living conditions seriously endanger the child's immediate health.
- Leaking gas from stove or heating unit
 - Dangerous substances or objects stored in unlocked lower shelves or cabinets, under sink or in the open
 - Lack of water or utilities (heat, plumbing, etc.) and no alternate provisions made, or alternate provisions are unsafe (stove, space heater, etc.)
 - Windows/doors are open, broken, or missing

- Exposed electrical wires
 - Accumulated garbage or spoiled food which threatens health
 - Serious illness or significant injury has occurred due to living conditions and these conditions continue to exist (e.g. lead poisoning, rat bites)
 - Evidence of human or animal waste throughout the living quarters
 - Evidence of insect or rodent infestation, which threatens safety
 - Guns and other weapons are not locked and pose a danger to the children
11. Caregiver(s)' alleged or observed substance use may seriously affect ability to supervise, protect or care for the child.
- Has abused drug(s), alcohol or other substances to the extent that control of his or her actions is significantly impaired
 - Alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia are accessible to the child
 - Baby is exposed in-utero to alcohol and/or drugs
12. Child sexual abuse is suspected and circumstances suggest that child safety is of immediate concern.
- It appears that rape, sodomy or other sexual contact has occurred with the child
 - It appears that the child has been forced or encouraged to engage in sexual activities
 - Child is not protected
 - Access by possible or confirmed perpetrator to child continues to exist
13. Caregiver(s) alleged or observed emotional instability or developmental delay seriously affects his/her ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.
- Refuses to follow prescribed medications, thereby diminishing his/her ability to parent child
 - Inability to manage anger leads to inappropriate or excessive discipline
 - Exhibits distorted perception of reality (e.g. hallucinates) that impacts ability to protect and care for child
 - Exhibits depressed behaviors that manifests feelings of hopelessness or helplessness
 - Is immobilized by depression resulting in failure to protect and provide basic needs
14. Domestic violence exists in the home and places the child in danger of physical and/or emotional harm.
- Child(ren) previously injured in a domestic violence incident
 - Child(ren) exhibit severe anxiety (e.g. nightmares, insomnia) related to situations associated with domestic violence
 - Child(ren) cries, cowers, cringes, trembles or otherwise exhibits fear as a result of domestic violence
 - Child is in danger of physical injury
 - Child(ren)'s behavior increases the risk of physical injury (e.g. attempting to intervene during violent dispute, participating in the violent dispute)
 - Use of guns, knives or other instruments in a violent, threatening, and/or intimidating manner
15. Caregiver(s) previously abused or neglected a child (or is suspected of such), and the severity of the past maltreatment or caregiver's response to previous intervention suggests impending danger to the child.
- Previous abuse or neglect that was serious enough to cause or could have caused severe injury, harm or death
 - Has retaliated or seriously threatened retribution against child for past incidents
 - Escalating pattern of maltreatment
 - Does not acknowledge or take responsibility for prior inflicted harm to the child or attempts to justify incident(s)
 - Does not explain injuries and/or conditions