

QUESTIONS

To Identify Increased Danger in Domestic Violence Related Offenses:

Separate the victim and perpetrator before asking the following questions:

1. Has the perpetrator ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?
2. Has the perpetrator threatened to kill you or your children?
3. Do you think the perpetrator is capable of killing you?

If the answer is **YES** to any of these questions there may be a heightened risk of homicide. Please inform the victim of the abuse that services are available at the local certified domestic violence center and offer to connect them to the center's hotline.

Consult the domestic violence investigator and/or your supervisor as needed.

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IDEAS

When Writing a Report:

IDENTIFY: The addresses of the perpetrator and victim. Safe phone number(s) where the victim can be reached in the next 24 hours.

DESCRIBE: Injuries, scene, and if children or other witnesses were present.

EVIDENCE COLLECTION: Photographs of injuries, including marks indicating “choking”/strangulation and scene. Follow protocols regarding the collection of weapons.

ASK: If the victim or their children are in need of medical attention, or if they would like to contact the domestic violence hotline.

STATE: The relationship of the victim and perpetrator. The time/date/location of incident and current location of perpetrator.

Florida Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-500-1119

1-800-621-4202 (TDD)

Florida Relay 711

