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**INSTRUMENT TITLE:** DA: Danger Assessment

**SOURCE ARTICLE:** Campbell, J., Webster, D., & Glass, N. (2009). The Danger Assessment: Validation of a Lethality Risk Assessment Instrument for Intimate Partner Femicide. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 24(4): 653-674

**POPULATION:** heterosexuals, women, African American, Latino,

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:** Ranking severity of incident from 1 to 5, filling in calendar dates of incidents, and YES/NO dichotomous responses

**SCORING:** Scored by counting the total number of YES responses; currently no cutoff score is published

**SURVEY ITEMS:** This instrument has already been formatted by the author. Please see attached.

**RELIABILITY INFORMATION:** Cronbach's alpha = .69 - .78

**VALIDITY INFORMATION:** The following methods were used to assess validity:  
Content validity

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- From battered women, shelter workers, law enforcement officials, and clinical experts on battering

### Convergent validity

- DA and Index of Spouse Abuse
- DA and Conflict Tactics Scale
- DA and Abuse-related injury
- DA and Symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

### Criterion-related validity

- Predictive validity: DA predicting re-assault

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**Figure 1**  
**Revised 20-Item Danger Assessment**

<b>DANGER ASSESSMENT</b>	
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<p>Several risk factors have been associated with increased risk of homicides (murders) of women and men in violent relationships. We cannot predict what will happen in your case, but we would like you to be aware of the danger of homicide in situations of abuse and for you to see how many of the risk factors apply to your situation.</p> <p>Using the calendar, please mark the approximate dates during the past year when you were abused by your partner or ex partner. Write on that date how bad the incident was according to the following scale:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Slapping, pushing; no injuries and/or lasting pain</li> <li>2. Punching, kicking; bruises, cuts, and/or continuing pain</li> <li>3. "Beating up"; severe contusions, burns, broken bones, miscarriage</li> <li>4. Threat to use weapon; head injury, internal injury, permanent injury, miscarriage</li> <li>5. Use of weapon; wounds from weapon</li> </ol> <p>(If any of the descriptions for the higher number apply, use the higher number.)</p> <p align="center">Mark <b>Yes</b> or <b>No</b> for each of the following. ("He" refers to your husband, partner, ex-husband, ex-partner, or whoever is currently physically hurting you.)</p>	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Has the physical violence increased in severity or frequency over the past year?
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Does he own a gun?
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Have you left him after living together during the past year?
<input type="checkbox"/>	3a. (If have <i>never</i> lived with him, check here <input type="checkbox"/> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Is he unemployed?
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Has he ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a lethal weapon?
<input type="checkbox"/>	5a. (If yes, was the weapon a gun? <input type="checkbox"/> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Does he threaten to kill you?
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Has he avoided being arrested for domestic violence?
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Do you have a child that is not his?
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Has he ever forced you to have sex when you did not wish to do so?
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Does he ever try to choke you?
<input type="checkbox"/>	11. Does he use illegal drugs? By drugs, I mean "uppers" or amphetamines, "meth", speed, angel dust, cocaine, "crack", street drugs or mixtures.
<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Is he an alcoholic or problem drinker?
<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Does he control most or all of your daily activities? (For instance: does he tell you who you can be friends with, when you can see your family, how much money you can use, or when you can take the car?
<input type="checkbox"/>	(If he tries, but you do not let him, check here: <input type="checkbox"/> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Is he violently and constantly jealous of you?
<input type="checkbox"/>	(For instance, does he say "If I can't have you, no one can.")
<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Have you ever been beaten by him while you were pregnant?
<input type="checkbox"/>	(If you have never been pregnant by him, check here: <input type="checkbox"/> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Has he ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
<input type="checkbox"/>	17. Does he threaten to harm your children?
<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Do you believe he is capable of killing you?
<input type="checkbox"/>	19. Does he follow or spy on you, leave threatening notes or messages on answering machine, destroy your property, or call you when you don't want him to?
<input type="checkbox"/>	20. Have you ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
Total "Yes" Answers	
<b>Thank you. Please talk to your nurse, advocate or counselor about what the Danger Assessment means in terms of your situation.</b>	

more recent study, 19% of the intimate partner femicides (i.e., murder of women) were committed by former boyfriends (Campbell et al., 2003a,b). Thus, if we included ex-boyfriends as perpetrators in the annual number of