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## How to Assess Client Safety If the Client Discloses Violence

Use the following questions to assess the client's safety:

- 1) Has the physical violence happened more often or gotten worse over the past 6 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 2) Has (Partner's name) ever used a weapon or threatened you with a weapon? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3) Is (Partner's name) violently and constantly jealous of you? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4) Has (Partner's name) threatened to kill you? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5) Do you believe that (Partner's name) could kill you? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 6) [For female clients], has (Partner's name) ever beaten you when you were pregnant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Note:

- If the client responds **YES** to any of these questions, it may not be safe for the client to return home
- The provider should make appropriate referrals and help the client to make a safety plan; Referrals can include shelter or safe housing

- The safety plan should include a safe place where the client can go (such as a friend's home or church).
- The provider's response should not cause further trauma to the client; the client's decision on whether or not to involve the police or accept a referral should be respected at all times