

## Safety Assessment

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Worker name: County:	Date <i>Safety Assessment</i> completed:  Time:																					
<b>Safety Assessments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Initial CPS safety assessment ( <i>Completed at first visit with child/supervisory consultation within 24 hours</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> CPS safety assessment ( <i>At the end of the child protection assessment on all assessments</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe situations safety assessments ( <i>Whenever circumstances suggest the child is in an unsafe situation. Completed by worker with supervisory consultation.</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Unsupervised visitation safety assessment ( <i>Prior to decision, with supervisory consultation</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Reunification safety assessment ( <i>Prior to decision, with supervisory consultation</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Case closure safety assessments ( <i>Prior to decision, with supervisory consultation</i> )																						
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<b>Narrative:</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Current Home Environment</b>
		1. Caretaker is unwilling or unable to meet the child's immediate needs for food, clothing, shelter and physical living conditions, which may result in maltreatment to the child.
<b>Narrative:</b>		

**Describe the threats of maltreatment that are present at this time** (aggravating factors that combine to produce a potentially dangerous situation):

**Describe the child's vulnerability to maltreatment** (the degree to which a child cannot, on the child's own, avoid, negate, or minimize the impact of present or impending danger):

**Describe the caretaker's protective capacities** (family strengths and resources that reduce, control, or prevent threats of maltreatment from arising, as well as factors and deficiencies that have a negative impact on child safety):

<b>Safety Decision:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No signs of present or impending danger identified OR one or more signs of present or impending danger identified and child vulnerability or caregiver's protective capacity offset the current danger. The child is not likely to be in imminent danger of maltreatment.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more signs of present or impending danger identified. Child vulnerability or protective capacities do not offset the impending danger of maltreatment, or caretaker has refused access to the child. Removal sanctioned by court order or <i>Voluntary Placement Agreement</i> for placement into foster care is the only controlling safety intervention possible.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally Safe (Safety Plan needed; develop jointly with the family)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more signs of present or impending danger identified. Child's vulnerability or protective capacities do not offset the present or impending danger of maltreatment. Controlling safety interventions have been initiated as identified and agreed upon by all necessary parties in the written safety plan. The controlling safety interventions may include the parent arranging informal temporary care of the child.</li> <li>The implementation of the safety interventions offset the need to take more restrictive actions at this time. Failure to follow the safety interventions or a change in circumstances may result in the need to take more formal actions to assure child safety in the future.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> The safety plan must identify who will participate to assure safety of the child, who will monitor the safety plan, and duration of the safety plan. Document the actions taken or services initiated to address each identified sign of present or impending danger. Address how behaviors, conditions, and circumstances associated with the sign of present or impending danger will be controlled.</p>

DHS worker signature:	Date and time completed:
Supervisor consulted and manner of consultation:	Date and time:

**Present danger:** Immediate, significant, and clearly observed maltreatment which is occurring to a child in the present or there is an immediate threat of maltreatment requiring immediate action to protect the child.

**Impending danger:** A foreseeable state of danger in which family behaviors, attitudes, motives, emotions, or the child's physical environment pose a threat of maltreatment.