

Battered Women's Risks

Batterer Generated Risks	Life/Oppression Generated Risks	Intervention Generated Risks (because of action or inaction)
Physical Physical injury Death HIV-STD Pregnancy	Economics Impact on Job Ability to get /hold a job... Welfare issues	911 Failure to assess risk to victim Dispatch priority for DV calls Language accessibility
Psychological Psychological harm Substance abuse Long term trauma effects Suicide threats (victim, partner)	Education/Training Access to education/trng Language issues	Police response Failure to determine context of violence, history/risk Arresting the wrong person No primary aggressor determination Inadequate evidence collection
Children Physical injury or Psychological harm Loss of children Parenting impact	Discrimination Racism Classism Heterosexism Ageism Differently – abled	Booking/Release from custody Bail determination not related to risk/danger Victim notification of release not timely
Relationship Loss of relationship implications (cultural, religious) Loss of caretaker/childcare	Housing Discrimination Affordability Eviction/homelessness	Arraignment Lack of offender information criminal history - Protective order information
Family, Friends, Community Cultural implications Threat or injury to them Loss of support, isolation Ostracization	Physical Health Substance abuse TX access Lack of Health insurance	Victim Advocate /Witness Contact Confusion about confidentiality Timing of referral to advocacy services Lack of culturally relevant services
Financial Standard of living Loss of income/job Housing issues Loss/ damage to possessions	Mental Health Lack of resources, affordable treatment Provider biases	Prosecution Reliance on victim to prosecute Retaliation by batterer
	Access to Services Location/Transportation Childcare Culturally relevant	Sentencing Ignoring history and risk Victim – blaming judicial demeanor
	Legal Status Her arrest Partner's arrest Family Court Orders Immigration/ Residency status	Probation/Supervision Inappropriate treatment referrals Lack of culturally relevant services for abusive party No victim follow-up
		Child Protection Coercing victim to get OFF Ignoring violence in custody issues Damaging relationship with children

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