

Factors to Consider in a Safety Assessment – Module IV

Form PPS 2030B

- There has been or is a plausible threat/likelihood of serious physical harm.
- Sexual abuse is suspected or substantiated and the alleged perpetrator continues to have access to the child.
- Caregiver's actions or omissions have caused or are likely to cause serious impairment of the child's social, emotional or intellectual functioning.
- Caregiver is unwilling, or unable, to meet child's needs for food, clothing or shelter, including where living conditions are hazardous and imminently threatening.
- Caregiver is unable or refuses to seek treatment for a child's medical condition or to administer prescribed treatment for a diagnosed medical condition that poses a serious threat to the child's physical health.
- Caregiver has not, cannot or will not provide supervision necessary to protect the child from potentially serious harm.
- Caregiver has given up or deserted a child with stated or apparent intention to not resume the relationship.

Other Safety Factors to Consider:

- Explanation for the injury is unconvincing.
- The family refuses access to the child, or there is reason to believe that the family is about to flee and/or the child's whereabouts cannot be ascertained.
- Caregiver has previously maltreated a child and the severity of the maltreatment, or the caregiver's response to the previous incident(s), suggests that the child's safety may be an imminent concern.
- Child is fearful of caregiver(s), other family members or other people living in or having access to the home.
- Caregiver's drug or alcohol use seriously affects his/her ability to supervise, protect or care for the child.

- Caregiver’s behavior is violent or out of control.
- Caregiver describes or acts toward the child in predominantly negative terms or has extremely unrealistic expectations.
- Caregiver’s mental illness seriously affects his/her ability to supervise, protect or care for the child.
- Other (Specify)

Also consider:

Historical information
Child vulnerability
Protective capacities