Note: When child is in police protective custody at time of safety assessment, assess safety of child(ren) to return home.

**Imminent Danger**
1. There has been or is plausible threat/likelihood of serious physical harm.
2. Sexual abuse is suspected or substantiated and the (alleged) perpetrator continues to have access to the child.
3. Caregiver actions or omissions have caused or are likely to cause serious impairment of the child’s social, emotional, or intellectual functioning.
4. Caregiver is unwilling, or unable, to meet child’s needs for food, clothing, or shelter including where living conditions are hazardous and imminently threatening.
5. 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.
6. Caregiver has not, cannot or will not provide supervision necessary to protect child from potentially serious harm.
7. Caregiver has given up or deserted a child with stated or apparent intention to not resume the relationship.

**Other Safety Factors to Consider**
8. Explanation for the injury is unconvincing.
9. 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.
10. Caregiver has previously maltreated a child and the severity of the maltreatment, or the caregiver’s response to the previous incident(s), suggests that child safety may be an imminent concern.
11. Child is fearful of caregiver(s), other family members, or other people living in or having access to the home.
12. Caregiver’s drug or alcohol use seriously affects his/her ability to supervise, protect or care for the child.
13. Caregiver’s behavior is violent or out of control.
14. Caregiver describes or acts toward child in predominantly negative terms or has extremely unrealistic expectations.
15. Caregiver’s mental illness seriously affects his/her ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.
16. Other (Specify):

Is a medical exam/treatment related to abuse/neglect needed? What actions were taken to provide medical care?

**SAFETY DECISION**

- **Safe** – Safe is a condition in which serious harm or threats of serious harm from maltreatment are not present. There is no need for controlling safety interventions.
- **Conditionally Safe** – A condition in which serious harm from maltreatment is present, or there is an imminent threat of serious harm, and there is a responsible adult in a caregiving role who demonstrates sufficient capacity to protect the child. The caregiver’s protective capacities, either initiated by the caregiver or recommended by PPS, are the controlling safety interventions mitigating the unsafe situation for the present time.
- **Unsafe** – A condition in which serious harm from maltreatment is present, or the threat of serious harm is imminent, and the protective capacities of the family are not sufficient to protect the child.

Is the child abandoned? [ ] Yes or No
If No, answer the following questions (3)

Is child in imminent danger? [ ] Yes or No
Does perpetrator have access to the child? [ ] Yes or No
Is non-abusing parent unable to protect the child? [ ] Yes or No

DCF shall request law enforcement protective custody or an ex parte order of custody when a child has been abandoned or the other 3 questions are answered “Yes”.
RISK ASSESSMENT

Child Risk Factors
• Consider each child in family. Describe each risk factor and how it affects the child’s safety.
• Also, describe the family’s ability to use its strengths and resources to manage the risk factors.
  ▪ Displays hostile or aggressive behavior
  ▪ Displays disturbed or unusual behavior
  ▪ Sexually acts out
  ▪ Has a developmental disability
  ▪ Either parent finds this child’s behavior provoking
  ▪ Has any physical impairments
  ▪ Ever placed outside the home
  ▪ Has a history of delinquency
  ▪ Has behavior problems at school
  ▪ OTHER (Specify)

Parent/Caregiver Contributing Factors
A. Consider each parent/caregiver in the family. Describe each risk factor and how it affects the child’s safety.
B. Describe the family’s ability to use its strengths and resources to manage the risk factors.

A. Parenting Skills
  2. Exhibit a significant lack of parenting skills
  3. Has unrealistic expectations of any child
  4. Employs excessive and/or inappropriate discipline
  5. Unmotivated to improve parenting skills
  6. Motivated to improve parenting skills but is unrealistic
  7. A domineering parent

B. Social Relationships/Supports
  8. Social relationships primarily negative
  9. Involved in harmful relationships (non-domestic violence)
  10. Relationships with extended family members unsupportive or conflictive
  11. Socially isolated

C. Substance Abuse
  12. Has current alcohol abuse only problem
  13. Has current drug abuse problem (with or without alcohol)
  14. Current substance abuse, but willing to participate in treatment
  15. Has a history of substance abuse

D. Emotional Well Being
  16. Lacks self esteem
  17. Apathetic or hopeless
  18. Has a significant history of depression
  19. If so, ever attempted suicide
  20. Unable to cope with stress

E. Domestic Relations
  21. Ever been a perpetrator of spouse or partner abuse
  22. Ever been a victim of spouse or partner abuse
  23. Recently divorced or separated from his or her spouse or partner

F. Other Risk Factors
  24. Recently experienced significant stress
  25. Ever been convicted of a criminal offense
  26. Abused as a child
  27. Unmotivated or unrealistic about change
  28. OTHER (Specify):
  29. OTHER (Specify):

G. Response to Investigation
  30. Takes the apparent abuse or neglect less seriously than CPS does
  31. Unaware of, or denies, the factors placing the child(ren) at risk
  32. Fails to cooperate satisfactorily

Other Risk Factors
  33. Any caregiver in this home has had a child who died of unexplained or suspicious causes?
  34. Household is experiencing severe financial difficulty
  35. The physical condition of the home poses a danger to any child’s health or safety

RED FLAGS- trigger automatic override on Full Risk Assessment PPS-2030D
  ▪ Non-accidental physical injury to an infant
  ▪ Non-accidental physical injury requiring hospital or medical treatment
  ▪ Sexual abuse and perpetrator is likely to have access to the child
  ▪ There has been a child death as a result of abuse or neglect in this family