

Rapid Risk Assessment Tool

The Rapid Risk Assessment Tool provides a framework for you to assess safety issues in the clinic, in the community, and when on-call. You may need to re-assess safety at any time if new risks are identified.

Respond to the following statements in any situation where your safety could be at risk.

1. Health Service/Community safety guidelines are being followed. Yes No
2. People present are cooperative and behaving in a way that indicates it is safe to respond, eg: Not substance affected; confused, hyper-vigilant; or irritable. No verbal or physical threats and not damaging objects. Yes No
3. The people present are willing to cooperate to fulfil safety guidelines. Yes No
4. There is another reliable/responsible adult present to go with you, eg: Health Worker, Community Support Worker, second on-call clinician, driver. Yes No
5. You know and trust at least some of the people who are asking you to attend or go with them. Yes No
6. You know the location you've been asked to attend. Yes No
7. The health vehicle is adequately prepared for travel: fuel, jack, spare tire, satphone, GPS/map, drinking water, first aid kit have all been checked. Yes No

8. If being asked to leave the community, a reliable person knows where you are going, and when you're expected back. They will initiate a search if needed. Yes No
9. Other issues, for example, someone will accompany you if you need to enter a house or other building. Yes No
10. Synthesis (reflection): Significant safety concerns have been resolved. Yes No

Response

If you answer **YES** to all the statements, it is most likely safe for you to respond.

If you answer **NO** to any of the statements, there are safety issues that need to be resolved. You should ensure health service safety guidelines are being implemented, and other identified safety and security risks are resolved.

You are not declining to provide a clinical response.

You should identify the outstanding hazard and risks, and seek assistance to resolve issues so that you can initiate a safe clinical response. Contact your manager or doctor on-call for advice if needed. Document events, options, decisions, and actions.

