

Risk Behaviors

Risk behaviors are type of things that can get individuals in trouble or put them in danger or harming themselves or others. Time frames in this section can change, particularly for the '1' and '3' ratings, **away from the standard 30-day rating window.**

For Risk Behaviors the following categories and action levels are used:

0 = No evidence of any needs; no reason to believe this item requires action.

1 = An identified need that requires monitoring, watchful waiting, or preventive action. This may have been a risk behavior in the past.

2 = Action or intervention is required to ensure that the identified need or risk behavior is addressed.

3 = Intensive, immediate action is required to address the need or risk behavior.

Question to Consider for this Domain: Do the individual's behaviors put him/her at risk for serious harm? **Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days.**

60. SUICIDE RISK* - This item is intended to describe the presence of thoughts or behaviors aimed at taking one's life. This item rates overt and covert thoughts and efforts on the part of an individual to end his/ her life.

Questions to Consider

- Has the individual ever talked about a wish or plan to die or to kill him/herself?
- Has s/he ever tried to commit suicide?

Ratings & Definitions

- 0** No evidence of suicide ideation.
- 1** There is a history or suspicion of, but no recent ideation or gesture.
- 2** Recent ideation or gesture but not in past 24 hours.
- 3** Current ideation and/or intent, or command hallucinations that involve self-harm

*A rating of 1, 2 or 3 on this item will trigger the **Suicide Risk Module.**

61. SELF INJURIOUS BEHAVIOR - This item is used to describe repetitive behavior that results in physical injury to the individual or adolescent, e.g. cutting, head banging, etc.

Questions to Consider

- Has the individual ever talked about a wish or plan to hurt him/herself?
- Does the individual ever purposely hurt him/herself (e.g. cutting)?

Ratings & Definitions

- 0** No evidence of self-mutilating behavior.
- 1** There is a history, suspicion or mild degree of self-mutilation.
- 2** Engaged in self-mutilation that does not require medical attention.
- 3** Engaged in self-mutilation that requires medical attention.

62. OTHER SELF HARM - This item is used to describe and rate behavior not covered by either Suicide Risk or Self-Mutilation, in which the individual engages in something that has significant potential to result in physical harm or in intentional risk taking behaviors.

Questions to Consider

- Has the individual ever talked about or acted in a way that might be dangerous to him/herself (e.g. reckless behavior such as riding on top of cars, reckless driving, climbing bridges,)?

Ratings & Definitions

- 0** No evidence of behaviors (other than suicide or self-mutilation) that place the individual at risk of physical harm.
- 1** There is a history, suspicion or mild behavior (other than suicide or self-mutilation) that places individual at risk of physical harm such as reckless and risk-taking behavior that may endanger the individual.
- 2** Engaged in reckless or intentional risk-taking behavior (other than suicide or self-mutilation) that places him/her in danger of physical harm.
- 3** Engaged in reckless or intentional risk-taking behavior (other than suicide or self-mutilation) that places him/her at immediate risk of death.

63. DANGER TO OTHERS* - This item rates the individual’s violent or aggressive behavior. The intention of this behavior is to cause significant bodily harm to others. Reckless behavior that may cause physical harm to others is not rated on this item.

Questions to Consider

- Has the individual ever injured another person on purpose?
- Does s/he get into physical fights?
- Has s/he ever threatened to kill or seriously injure another person?

Ratings & Definitions

- 0** No evidence of behavior that could be dangerous to others.
- 1** There is a history or suspicion of, or acts of mildly aggressive or threatening behavior.
- 2** Recent aggressive or threatening behavior: e.g. homicidal ideation, physically harmful aggression, or dangerous fire setting, but not within past 24 hours.
- 3** Acute homicidal ideation with a plan, physically harmful aggression, command hallucinations that involve harm to others, or the individual set a fire that placed others at significant risk of harm.

*A rating of 1, 2 or 3 on this item will trigger the **Violence Module**.

64. SEXUAL AGGRESSION* - This item is intended to describe both aggressive sexual behavior and sexual behavior in which the individual takes advantage of a younger or less powerful individual. The severity and recency of the behavior provide the information needed to rate this item.

Questions to Consider

- Has the individual ever been accused of being sexually aggressive with another individual? What happened after that?
- Has the individual had sexual contact with a younger individual?

Ratings & Definitions

- 0** No evidence of sexually aggressive behavior.
- 1** There is a history or suspicion of sexually aggressive behavior (but not within past year) and/or sexually inappropriate behavior within the past year that troubles others such as harassing talk or public excessive masturbation.
- 2** Individual engaged in sexually aggressive behavior within the past year but not in the past 30 days.
- 3** Individual has engaged in sexually aggressive behavior within the past 30 days.

*A rating of 1, 2 or 3 on this item will trigger the **Sexually Aggressive Behavior Module**.

65. CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR* - This rating includes what is known about criminal behavior that may result from the individual failing to follow required behavioral standards. This category does not include drug usage, but it does include drug sales and other drug related activities. Sexual offenses should be included as criminal behavior.

Questions to Consider

- Is individual at risk for contact with criminal justice system due to drug sales, illegal graffiti, weapons, etc.?

Ratings & Definitions

- 0** No evidence or history of criminal behavior exists for the individual.

- 1** Individual has a history of criminal behavior, but none in the past year.

- 2** A moderate level of criminal activity is indicated. This level indicates a person who has been engaged in criminal activity during the past year, but the criminal activity does not represent a significant physical risk to others in the community. Examples would include vandalism and shoplifting.

- 3** A severe level of criminal activity is indicated. This level indicates a person who has been engaged in violent criminal activity during the past year that represents a significant physical risk to others in the community. Examples would include rape, armed robbery, and assault.

*A rating of 1, 2 or 3 on this item will trigger the **Crime Module**.

66. FIRE SETTING* - This item describes whether the individual intentionally starts fires using matches or other incendiary devices. Malicious or reckless use of fire should be rated here, however fires that are accidental should not be considered fire setting.

Questions to Consider

- Has the individual ever played with matches, or set a fire? If so, what happened?
- Did the fire setting behavior destroy property or endanger the lives of others?

Ratings & Definitions

- 0** No evidence of fire setting by the individual.

- 1** There is a history or suspicion of fire setting but not within the past six months.

- 2** Recent fire setting behavior (during the past six months) but not of the type that endangered the lives of others, or repeated fire-setting behavior over a period of at least two years, even if not within the past six months.

- 3** Acute threat of fire setting. Has set fire that endangered the lives of others (e.g. attempting to burn down a house).

*A rating of 1, 2 or 3 on this item will trigger the **Fire Setting Module**.

67. GAMBLING - This item includes all forms of gambling—legal and illegal, organized and social. Ratings should be consistent with the South Oaks Gambling Screen (SOGS) rating within the last 12 months.

Questions to Consider

- Does individual have financial stressors due to street or online gaming or gambling activities?

Ratings & Definitions

- 0** Individual has no evidence of any problems with gambling.

- 1** Individual has either a history or suspicion of problems with gambling; however, currently gambling behavior is not known to impact his/her functioning.

- 2** Individual has problems with gambling that impact his/her functioning and/or wellbeing.

- 3** Individual has problems with gambling that dramatically impacts his/her life and make functioning difficult or impossible in at least one life domain.

68. SANCTION SEEKING BEHAVIOR - This rating describes intentional obnoxious social behaviors that an individual engages in to intentionally force others to sanction him/her. This item should reflect problematic social behaviors (socially unacceptable behavior for the culture and community in which s/he lives) that put the individual at some risk of sanctions. It is not necessary that the individual have awareness of the purpose of his/her misbehavior (to provoke sanctions/reactions) in order to be rated here as this behavior is not always conscious/planned behavior. This item should not be rated for individual who engage in such behavior solely due to developmental delays or lack of social skill.

Questions to Consider	Ratings & Definitions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Does the individual intentionally do or say things to upset others in positions of authority or parents or teachers? → Has the individual engaged in behavior that was insulting, rude or obnoxious and resulted in sanctions for the individual such as suspension, job dismissal, etc.? → Does the individual seem to purposely get in trouble by making parents or other adults angry with them? 	<p>0 Individual shows no evidence of problematic social behaviors that cause adults to sanction him/her.</p> <hr/> <p>1 Mild level of problematic social behaviors that force adults to sanction the individual. Provocative comments or behavior in social settings aimed at getting a negative response from adults might be included at this level.</p> <hr/> <p>2 Moderate level of problematic social behaviors. Individual may be intentionally getting in trouble in school or at home and the sanctions or threat of sanctions that results are causing problems in the individual's life.</p> <hr/> <p>3 Severe level of problematic social behaviors. This would be indicated by frequent seriously inappropriate social behavior that force adults to seriously and/or repeatedly sanction the individual. Social behaviors are sufficiently severe (cause harm to others) that they place the individual at risk of significant sanctions (e.g. expulsion, removal from the community).</p>

69. HIGH RISK SEXUAL ACTIVITY - This refers to sexual behavior and may or may not involve multiple partners. Please rate behavior during the past year.

Questions to Consider	Ratings & Definitions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Is the individual sexually active? → Is the individual's sexual activity developmentally normative and healthy? → Does his/her sexual activity put the individual at risk for abuse, unwanted pregnancy or STIs? 	<p>0 Individual exhibits no history of sexual behavior beyond what is developmentally appropriate.</p> <hr/> <p>1 Individual has history of high-risk sexual behavior but not in past six months.</p> <hr/> <p>2 Individual engages in high-risk sexual behaviors.</p> <hr/> <p>3 Individual engages in a dangerous level of sexual behaviors, or with partners who are abusive or otherwise physically dangerous.</p>

70. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION - This rating describes the severity of exposure to sexual exploitation or victimization. This includes any situation, context or relationship where the individual receives something (e.g., food accommodation, drugs and alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money, etc.) as a result of performing, and or others performing on them, sexual activities. Please rate behavior during the past year.

Questions to Consider	Ratings & Definitions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Has the individual traded sexual activity for goods, money, affection or protection? → Has the individual been a victim of human trafficking? 	<p>0 There is no evidence that the individual has been sexually exploited or victimized, or has otherwise seen or been exposed to sexual exploitation.</p> <hr/> <p>1 There is no evidence that the individual has been sexually exploited or victimized, or has otherwise seen or been exposed to sexual exploitation.</p> <hr/> <p>2 Individual has witnessed the victimization or exploitation of a family or friend and/or is a direct victim of sexual victimization or commercial sexual exploitation.</p> <hr/> <p>3 Individual has been exposed to chronic and/or severe instances of sexual victimization, or is a direct victim of commercial sexual exploitation that was life threatening or caused significant physical harm, or is actively being sexually exploited.</p>