

ODARA Summary Scoresheet

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A summary of ODARA scoring instructions is provided below for reference.
Use of the full scoring criteria is strongly recommended.

Name:

Case #:

Date: Á

Item Score

Choose an item.

1. Prior domestic incident of assault in a police or criminal record

View Criteria

Choose an item.

2. Prior non-domestic incident of assault in a police or criminal record

View Criteria

Choose an item.

3. Prior custodial sentence of 30 days or more

View Criteria

Choose an item.

4. Failure on prior conditional release

View Criteria

Choose an item.

5. Threat to harm or kill at the index assault

View Criteria

Choose an item.

[View Criteria](#)

6. Confinement of the victim at the index assault

Choose an item.

[View Criteria](#)

7. Victim concern about future assaults

Choose an item.

[View Criteria](#)

8. More than one child

Choose an item.

[View Criteria](#)

9. Victim's biological child from a previous partner

Choose an item.

[View Criteria](#)

10. Prior violent incident against a non-domestic partner

Choose an item.

[View Criteria](#)

11. Two or more indicators of substance abuse

Choose an item.

[View Criteria](#)

12. Assault on the index victim when she was pregnant

Choose an item.

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13. Barriers to victim support

Choose an item.

Raw Score (sum of items scored 1)

Choose an item.

Final/Adjusted Score (use prorating table if indicated)

Final/Adjusted Scores for Assessments with Unclear or Missing Information

Number of Unclear or Ambiguous Items

Raw Score ↓	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	2
2	2	2	3	3	3
3	3	4	4	4	5
4	4	5	5	6	7+
5	5	6	7+	7+	7+
6	7+	7+	7+	7+	7+

Statistical Interpretation Table

ODARA Final Score	Percent Recidivism	Percent In This Range	Percent Scoring Lower	Percent Scoring Higher
0	7	9	0	91
1	17	17	9	74
2	22	21	26	53
3	34	20	47	33
4	39	13	67	20
5-6	53	14	80	6
7-13	74	6	94	0

Table B.1 Risk Assessment for Domestically Violent Men: Hilton, Harris & Rice, *Risk Assessment for Domestically Violent Men*, American Psychological Ass'n, at 170.

Index Incident

The index incident is the most recent incident documented in a police record in which the person being assessed assaulted his/her current or former heterosexual intimate or dating partner, and MUST involve:

- An "assault" defined as either: (1) any act of violence that involved physical contact with the victim, or (2) a credible threat of death with a weapon in hand made in the presence of the victim; AND
- An eligible crime - Domestic violence assault (including aggravated and elevated aggravated assault), domestic violence criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon, domestic violence terrorizing if includes above required circumstances; AND
- An eligible relationship - Current/former heterosexual intimate or dating partners only; NOT other family or household member relationships.

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1. Prior Domestic Incident of Assault in a Police or Criminal Record

Count any incident in which the person being assessed assaulted his/her current or former intimate or dating partner and/or that victim's child, and which is recorded in a police report or criminal record.

- ✓ Pre-index incident must have been reported to the police (either at time of assault or by subsequent report) and occurred on a separate occasion before the index assault.
- ✓ If the pre-index assault is part of a cluster of assaults documented in one police report, count any assault that occurred at least 24 hours before the index assault as a prior domestic incident.
- ✓ "Assault" for the purposes of this item is defined as physical contact or the use or attempted use of a weapon to contact the victim's body, or a threat of harm made with a weapon in hand.
- ✓ If you do not have a detailed description of the incident, count a criminal charge of assault or other violent offense against a domestic victim as a domestic incident.
- ✓ An arrest or conviction is not necessary.
- ✓ If the available documentation indicates that an item might be present, but the information is unclear or ambiguous, the item may be scored with a "?".
- ✓ A criminal history record check is advised for this item.
- ✗ Does not count incidents involving only pets or property.
- ✗ Does not count incidents involving only strangers, friends, parents, siblings or other family members.

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2. Prior Non-domestic Incident of Assault in a Police or Criminal Record

Count any incident in which the person being assessed assaulted on a separate occasion any person who is not his/her current or former intimate or dating partner, or that person's child, and which is recorded in a police report or criminal record.

- ✓ "Assault" for the purposes of this item is defined as physical contact or the use or attempted use of a weapon to contact the victim's body, or a threat of harm made with a weapon in hand.
- ✓ If you don't have a detailed description of the incident, count a criminal charge of assault or other violent offense against a non-domestic victim as a non-domestic incident. However, it must have been reported to the police, and occurred on a separate occasion before the index incident.
- ✓ If the pre-index assault is reported in the same report as the index assault, count it as a prior incident only if it occurred at least 24 hours before the index assault.
- ✓ A criminal history record check is advised for this item.
- ✗ Does not include incidents involving only pets or property.
- ✗ Does not include incidents involving only a current or former intimate or dating partner or their child.

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3. Prior Custodial Sentence of 30 Days or More

A final disposition of a court for an offense committed by the person being assessed if at least 30 days.

- ✓ The abusive partner must have been admitted to an adult or juvenile facility (jail, prison, detention center or state forensic facility such as Riverview) for some part of the sentence, but does not have to have served the entire 30-day or more sentence.
- ✓ This item includes sentences served for a continuous period, or intermittently.
- ✓ Any offense counts; not limited to domestic violence offenses.
- ✗ Do not count sentences that are all suspended.
- ✗ Do not count time spent in custody waiting to go to court, unless specifically included as part of the sentence ("time served").

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4. Failure on Prior Conditional Release

Count any known violation of a conditional release, whether or not it resulted in a report to police, arrest, or charge. The person must have been at liberty in the community under supervision or other requirement of a criminal court, or subject to a protection order.

- ✓ Count violations of bail, deferred disposition, probation, or a Protection From Abuse/no-contact order imposed by a court.
- ✓ Count if index assault itself was a conditional release violation.
- ✓ Victim statements are sufficient to score this item.
- ✓ Any offense counts; not limited to domestic violence offenses.
- ✗ Does not include conditional release failures that occurred on a separate occasion after the index incident.
- ✗ Do not count conditional releases that were obeyed.
Examples: New criminal conduct; failing to appear for court or to attend probation officer appointment; drinking, coming to a person's home/work, or contacting a person when prohibited by a court/probation order.

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5. Threat to Harm or Kill at the Index Assault

Count any threat to kill or cause physical harm to any person other than the person being assessed, made at the index incident by the person being assessed. Include spoken threat or a bodily gesture commonly recognized as a threat of physical harm to a person. The threat does not have to be carried out. Do not include threats of self harm.

- ✗ Does not include threats of emotional harm, financial harm, legal action, or custody dispute.
- ✗ Does not include threats to harm or kill oneself (made by the person being assessed), or threats to pets or property.
- ✗ Does not include a covert act, or act of omission, that is not commonly recognized as a threat, even when the victim may feel harm is imminent.
- ✗ Do not count threats occurring on separate occasions from the index incident.

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6. Confinement of the Victim at the Index Assault

Count any act carried out to physically prevent or attempt to prevent the victim of the index assault from leaving the scene of the assault, even if the victim eventually did leave the scene.

- ✓ Count if there was a criminal charge of kidnapping or criminal restraint under Maine law at the index incident if the victim was the abusive person's current or former intimate or dating partner.
- ✗ Do not count threats of harm to the victim if she/he leaves, confinement before or after the incident, or confining a person other than the victim.
- ✗ Do not count restraint in the course of an assault (e.g., holding the victim down to assault her/him).

Examples: Locking doors, barring an exit, impeding active attempts to escape by the victim, throwing car keys out the window.

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7. Victim Concern about Future Assault

Any statement by the victim of the index assault indicating concern, fear, worry or certainty that the person being assessed will assault her/him or the victim's child in the future.

- ✓ This statement must be made by the victim in the first report about the index assault to the police.
- ✓ If no statement about victim concern is in the report or statement made to police at the index incident, the victim's statement of concern, fear, or worry about a future assault made in the victim's first report to a domestic violence advocate may be counted.
- ✗ Do not count the victim's concern for safety, or the child's safety, during the course of the index assault.

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8. More than One Child

Count all living children of the person being assessed, and of the victim of the index assault, and children they have together, regardless of where or with whom the children live. At least 2 children must exist to score this item a "1."

- ✓ Count minor or adult children living anywhere.
- ✓ Count biological or adopted children.

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9. Victim's Biological Child from a Previous Partner

Count the victim's biological minor or adult children with a partner other than the person being assessed. Count only children of the victim of the index assault.

- ✓ Count minor or adult children living anywhere.
- ✓ Count living children only.
- ✗ Does not include children adopted by the victim.

10. Prior Violent Incident against a Non-Domestic Victim

Count any separate and prior incident in which the person being assessed assaulted someone other than a current/former intimate or dating partner.

- ✓ Pre-index incident must involve the person being assessed.
- ✓ Count incidents with or without police involvement, whether or not reported to the police.
- ✓ "Assault" for the purposes of this item is defined as physical contact or the use or attempted use of a weapon to contact the victim's body, or a threat of harm made with a weapon in hand.
- ✓ Information can come from sources other than criminal justice record.
- ✓ If Item 2 is scored "1", this item is automatically scored "1."
- ✓ If available documentation indicates that an item might be present, but information is unclear or ambiguous, the item may be scored with a "?".

11. Two or More Indicators of Substance Abuse

Count this item if the offender has previously been charged with an alcohol or drug related offense, OR if at least TWO of the following apply to the person being assessed:

- ✓ Consumed alcohol immediately before or during the index assault.
- ✓ Used drugs immediately before or during the index assault.
- ✓ Recently (in days or weeks prior to the index assault) abused drugs and/or alcohol (alcohol intoxication, frequent alcohol use, use of street drugs, misuse of medication).
- ✓ Noticeably increased use of drugs/alcohol in the days or weeks before the index assault.
- ✓ Was more angry or violent when using drugs and/or alcohol prior to index incident.
- ✓ Consumed alcohol before or during a criminal offense pre-dating the index assault.
- ✓ Alcohol problems or interference in their life before index incident but since age 18.
- ✓ Drug problems or interference in their life before index incident but since age 18.

"Problems": Alcohol or drug use related to a law violation resulting in a charge or revocation of conditional release; withdrawal symptoms or inability to decrease use; financial, job, relationship, legal or health problems.

"Drugs": Illicit or street drugs, or misuse of prescription medications. Do not include medications taken as prescribed.

12. Assault on Index Victim When She Was Pregnant

Count when the index assault was against a victim who was pregnant OR when the person being assessed assaulted the same victim on a separate, previous occasion during the current pregnancy or during a prior pregnancy.

- ✓ "Assault" for this item includes physical contact with the victim, the use or attempted use of a weapon to contact the victim's body, or a threat of harm made with a weapon in hand.
- ✓ Include only assaults on the victim of the index assault if she was pregnant at the time, or any previous assault on this victim by the man being assessed if she was pregnant at the time.
- ✓ Information about the assault can come from sources other than criminal history record, and the incident does not need to be known to police.
- ✓ It is not required that the person being assessed state that he knew she was pregnant at the time of the assault.
- ✓ If you don't have a detailed description of the incident, count a criminal charge of assault or another violent offense if it is known that the victim was the index victim and she was pregnant then.

13. Barriers to Victim Support

Count when one or more of the specific following barriers were present at the time of the index incident. Circumstances not included in this list do not count.

- ✓ Children aged 18 or under who live with the victim and for whom the victim provides care.
- ✓ No cell or landline telephone.
- ✓ No access to vehicle, no public transportation in the vicinity of the home and no money for a taxi.
- ✓ Living in a geographically isolated area.
- ✓ Alcohol or drug use by the victim just before/during the index incident, or history of alcohol/drug abuse (alcohol intoxication or frequent use, use of street drugs, or misuse of prescription medication).