

Advocate Questionnaire
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Appendix C

Trigger Warning: Please be aware that the following material is sensitive. This information should be gathered at the discretion of a victim's advocate and with the full permission of the victim and not shared directly with the abusive partner.

The following questions are based on behavior that many others have experienced in relationships. Please answer these questions honestly.

1. **Intimidation:** Are you afraid of your partner? Have you been frightened by certain looks, gestures, or actions? Has your partner ever broken things, destroyed your property or harmed the pets? Has he displayed weapons or used his both to scare you? Please describe.
2. **Ridicule:** Does your partner put you down by calling you names, making you think you're crazy, attempting to humiliate you? Does he try to make you feel guilty? Please describe.
3. **Isolation:** Has your partner ever attempted to keep you from going places you choose such as work, school, seeing family, friends, women's groups, etc.? Does he listen to your phone conversations, open your email, or check social media? Does he follow you around, or question your whereabouts? Is he jealous, or does he use jealousy to justify actions? Please describe.
4. **Minimize or blame:** Does your partner blame his behavior on you, stress, a substance, or something else? Has he ever made light of abuse, or say it didn't happen? Please describe.
5. **Children:** Does your partner insinuate that you're a poor parent or make you feel guilty about the children? Has he used or manipulated the kids to harm you in any way? Please describe.
6. **Privilege:** Would you describe your partner as entitled or self-centered? Has he ever treated you as "less than?" Does he make important decisions without you, or ever treated you as a servant? Please describe.
7. **Finances:** Has your partner prevented you from working outside the home or made you ask for money? Does he restrict your knowledge of the family income? Please describe.
8. **Threats:** Has your partner threatened to harm you or your family and friends? Has he threatened to destroy property? To commit suicide or self-harm? Please describe.
9. **Physical:** Has your partner physically harmed or attempted to harm you by hitting, pushing, kicking, restraining or any other means? Please describe.

- Has your partner ever injured you? Did it require medical treatment? Were you able to receive treatment?
- Has your partner ever placed his hand around your neck?
- Have you attempted to seek help in the past by leaving, contacting the authorities or friends for help?
- Does your partner have access to a gun?
- Has your partner ever threatened you with a weapon? Has he ever assaulted you with a weapon?
- To your knowledge has he ever relied on substances such as drugs, abusing prescription drugs, or had a problem with alcohol (drunkenness)?
- Has your partner ever assaulted you while you were pregnant?
- Has your partner ever forced you to have sex?
- Do you believe he may seriously injure you?
- Do you fear for your life or the lives of others?

10. Have you ever known your partner to use violence against anyone in the past?