This brief risk assessment identifies women who are at high risk for homicide or severe injury by an intimate partner.¹ ²

Mark Yes or No for each of the following questions. ("He" refers to your husband, partner, ex-husband, ex-partner, or whoever is currently physically hurting you.)

___ 1. Has the physical violence increased in frequency or over the past year?
___ 2. Has he ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?
___ 3. Do you believe he is capable of killing you?
___ 4. Does he ever try to choke you?
___ 5. Is he violently and constantly jealous of you?

¹ This is a brief adaptation of the Danger Assessment (2003). It is designed for use by a health care provider or other clinician following a positive screen for intimate partner violence. The full Danger Assessment with weighted scoring provides the most accurate assessment of risk.
Protocol suggestions for use of
DANGER ASSESSMENT-5

• Use 5-item version in ED, protective order hearings, child custody etc.
• If 4 or 5 yes responses, policy is to report to police &/or to domestic violence
  advocacy program or national hotline (800-799-7233) – her choice – do it with
  her.
• If 3 of 5, do full Danger Assessment or refer to someone certified in administrating DA
  and proceed based on results.
• If 2 of 5, tell her that she has 2 of 5 highly predictive risk factors for serious
  assault/homicide – highly recommend further immediate advocacy – call with her.
• If 0-1 of 5, proceed with normal referral/procedural processes for DV.