

Adult Protective Services: Risk Assessment in APS

Risk Assessment Resources

The following are examples of risk assessment resources used by APS workers.

Elder Mistreatment Screening Instruments are located on the University of Iowa, Department of Family Medicine Elder Mistreatment/ Elder Abuse website at <http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/familymedicine/emscreeninginstruments/>. Tools located at this site are available for download and include:

1. Actual Abuse Tool
2. Brief Abuse Screen for the Elderly (BASE)
3. Caregiver Abuse Screen (CASE)
4. Elder Abuse Suspicion Index © (EASI)
5. Elder Assessment Instrument (EAI)
6. Health, Attitudes Toward Aging, Living Arrangements, and Finances (HALF) Assessment
7. Hwalek-Sengstock Elder Abuse Screening Test (H-S/EAST)
8. Indicators of Abuse (IOA) Screen
9. Partner Violence Screen (PVS)
10. Questions to Elicit Elder Abuse
11. Risk of Abuse Tool
12. Screen for Various Types of Abuse or Neglect (American Medical Association)
13. Suspected Abuse Tool
14. Vulnerability to Abuse Screening Scale (VASS)
15. Instrument Psychometrics Summary

The University of Iowa, Iowa Geriatric Education Center <http://www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/igec/tools/> provides a variety of Geriatric Assessment Tools in the following categories:

1. Caregivers
2. Dementia and Delirium
3. Depression
4. Functional Assessment / ADLs
5. Gait and Immobility / Fall Risk
6. Nutrition / Weight Loss
7. Oral Health
8. Pain
9. Pressure Ulcers
10. Sensory Perception
11. Urinary Incontinence

Check for Safety: A Home Fall Prevention Checklist for Older Adults on the CDC website includes good questions to ask to determine the risk of falls within the home:

<http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Falls/CheckListForSafety.html>

A variety of assessment tools are available at the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Center 'Try This' series available at: http://www.hartfordign.org/Resources/Try_This_Series/

IDEAL (Isolation, Dependency, Emotional manipulation and/or Exploitation of vulnerability, Acquiescence, Loss) information about the IDEAL tool and undue influence worksheet based on IDEAL can be found at:

http://www.bennettblummd.com/coercion_undue_influence.html