



K-12 VIOLENCE RISK TRIAGE CHECKLIST

This checklist is a triage aid, not a validated predictor or substitute for multidisciplinary judgment. This checklist is not intended to replace the online version of Pathways or serve as a comprehensive violence risk assessment. Use this checklist when computer access is unavailable, impractical, or would slow an initial response. **For imminent threats, suicide risk, weapon concerns, violence, or abuse/neglect, immediately follow applicable school, reporting, BTAM, and law-enforcement procedures.**

Student:	School:	Date:
Completed by: _____ Sources: ☐ Staff ☐ Student ☐ Parent ☐ Peer ☐ Online ☐ Other		

CRITICAL TRIGGERS	PROTECTIVE/STABILIZING FACTORS
<i>For the first three items, check if there is an expressed intent to seriously injure or kill:</i> ☐ Direct/substantive threat ☐ Named or narrowing target (person, group, class, school, event) ☐ Specific time, place, method, weapon, or security detail ☐ Shared verbally or in writing/drawing intent or clues to an attack plan (leakage) ☐ Observed or discovered research, lists, costuming, manifesto, diagrams, maps, rehearsal, or acquiring materials to seriously injure or kill target ☐ Has or will have a weapon tied to a threat, grievance, target, or plan ☐ Stalking, surveillance, boundary crossing, security probing/breach related to an attack plan ☐ Escalating fixation, grievance, or revenge toward an identifiable target ☐ Observed "Last resort/no other option" thinking tied to harming others ☐ Recent serious violence, credible suicide attempt, or attack preparation ☐ Suicidality converges with threat planning (e.g., suicide-by-cop) CRITICAL RISK FACTOR? ☐ NO ☐ YES → FULL VRA INDICATED	<i>Identify what may reduce or stabilize risk.</i> ☐ Supportive adults/family: _____ ☐ Prosocial peers: _____ ☐ Engaged in treatment/support: _____ ☐ Future goals: _____ ☐ Accepts limits/help: _____ ☐ Reduced access to means: _____ ☐ Credible alternative explanation: _____ ☐ Other: _____

BEHAVIORAL TRIAGE SCORE 0 = absent/unknown 1 = emerging/reactive 2 = persistent/escalating 3 = severe/acute						
OBSERVABLE CONCERN	0	1	2	3	WT.	SCORE
Threats/intimidation: increasing frequency, specificity, persistence, or seriousness	☐	☐	☐	☐	×2	
Target focus/grievance: blame, fixation, revenge, or desire to "make them pay"	☐	☐	☐	☐	×2	
Planning/preparation: research, rehearsal, tactical preparation, or movement toward action	☐	☐	☐	☐	×2	
Weapons/capability: access, acquisition, or practice tied to violent thinking	☐	☐	☐	☐	×2	
Stalking/approach/harassment: following, unwanted contact, surveillance, or boundary violations	☐	☐	☐	☐	×2	
Violence/escalation: assaults, serious fighting, or escalating destructive outbursts	☐	☐	☐	☐	×2	
Leakage/writings/online behavior: threats, drawings, posts, or messages suggesting intended violence	☐	☐	☐	☐	×2	
Hopelessness/suicide/no alternatives: trapped, desperate, suicidal, or major loss of hope	☐	☐	☐	☐	×1	
Destabilization: major loss, isolation, substance misuse, school/home crisis, or severe decline	☐	☐	☐	☐	×1	
Contextual themes: dehumanization/misogyny, extremist grievance, attacker identification, tactical costuming, or violent/weapons fixation converging with target, grievance, or action	☐	☐	☐	☐	×1	
TOTAL: _____						/51

TRIAGE DECISION	
☐ 0-7 LOWER CONCERN: Address behavior/support needs; document and monitor. ☐ 8-15 ELEVATED: BTAM review; gather collateral information; consider full VRA.	☐ 16+ HIGHER CONCERN: Full violence risk assessment indicated. ☐ ANY CRITICAL TRIGGER: Full VRA indicated regardless of score.