

# Red flags

**RISK FACTORS:** Victims who are experiencing any of the following are at increased risk of being killed or almost killed.

<p><b>Controlling behaviours</b></p> 	<p><b>Escalation of violence</b></p>	<p><b>Recent separation</b></p> 	<p><b>Stalking</b></p> 
<p><b>Jealous, obsessive behaviour</b></p>	 <p><b>Threats to kill victim</b></p>	<p><b>Strangulation or attempts to strangle</b></p>	 <p><b>Harms or threatens to harm or kill children</b></p>
 <p><b>Access to, or use of weapons</b></p>	<p><b>Perpetrator threatens or attempts to commit suicide</b></p>	 <p><b>Perpetrator drug or alcohol misuse</b></p>	<p><b>Sexual assault</b></p>
 <p><b>Threats to harm or kill pets</b></p>	<p><b>Perpetrator unemployment</b></p>	 <p><b>Pregnancy/new birth</b></p>	<p>Source: Victoria. Department of Human Services (issuing body) 2012, <i>Family violence risk assessment and risk management framework and practice guides 1-3</i>, Second edition, Melbourne, Australia, Victorian Government, Department of Human Services.</p>

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