

Hub Database Glossary


 Saskatchewan Hub Database
GLOSSARY OF RISK FACTORS*

*Risk factors are conditions of presumed risk that elevate the probability of harm to a significant interest at stake. They are believed to be true; and are related to the onset of acutely elevated risk.

RISK VARIABLE	RISK FACTORS	DEFINITION
Alcohol	alcohol use by person	known to consume alcohol; no major harm caused
	alcohol abuse by person	known to excessively consume alcohol; causing self-harm
	alcohol abuse in home	living at a residence where alcohol has been consumed excessively and often
	harm caused by alcohol abuse in home	has suffered mental, physical or emotional harm or neglect due to alcohol abuse in the home
	history of alcohol abuse in home	excessive consumption of alcohol in the home has been a problem in the past
Drugs	drug use by person	known to use illegal drugs (or misuse prescription drugs); no major harm caused
	drug abuse by person	known to excessively use illegal/prescription drugs; causing self harm
	drug abuse in home	living at a residence where illegal (or misused prescription drugs) have been consumed excessively and often
	harm caused by drug abuse in home	has suffered mental, physical or emotional harm or neglect due to drug abuse in the home
	history of drug abuse in home	excessive consumption of drugs in the home has been a problem in the past
Gambling	chronic gambling by person	regular and/or excessive gambling; no harm caused
	chronic gambling causes harm to self	regular and/or excessive gambling; resulting in self-harm
	chronic gambling causes harm to others	regular and/or excessive gambling that causes harm to others
	person affected by the gambling of others	is negatively affected by the gambling of others

Mental Health	diagnosed mental health problem	has a professionally diagnosed mental health problem
	suspected mental health problem	suspected of having a mental health problem (no diagnosis)
	self-reported mental health problem	has reported to others to have a mental health problem(s)
	witnessed traumatic event	has witnessed an event that has caused them emotional or physical trauma
	mental health problem in the home	residing in a residence where there are mental health problems
	grief	experiencing deep sorrow, sadness or distress caused by loss
	not following prescribed treatment	not following treatment prescribed by a mental health professional; resulting in risk to self or others
Physical Health	pregnant	pregnant
	physical disability	suffers from a physical impairment
	terminal illness	suffers from a disease that cannot be cured and that will soon result in death
	chronic disease	suffers from a disease that requires continuous treatment over a long period of time
	nutrition deficit	suffers from insufficient nutrition, causing harm to their health
	general health issue	has a general health issue which requires attention by a medical health professional
	not following prescribed treatment	not following treatment prescribed by a health professional; resulting in risk
Suicide	person current suicide risk	currently at-risk to take their own life
	person previous suicide risk	has in the past, been at-risk to take their own life
	affected by suicide	has experienced loss due to suicide

Self-Harm	person has engaged in self-harm	has engaged in the deliberate non-suicidal injuring of their own body
	person threatens self-harm	has stated that they intend to cause non-suicidal injury to their own body
Criminal Involvement	damage to property	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for damage to property
	arson	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for arson
	theft	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for theft
	break and enter	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for break and enter
	robbery	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for robbery (which is theft with violence or threat of violence)
	assault	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted of assault
	sexual assault	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for sexual assault
	threat	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for uttering threats
	homicide	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for the unlawful death of a person
	animal cruelty	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for animal cruelty
	drug trafficking	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for drug trafficking
	possession of weapons	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for possession of weapons
	other	has been suspected, charged, arrested or convicted for other crimes

Crime Victimization	damage to property	has been reported to police to be a victim of someone damaging their property
	arson	has been reported to police to be the victim of arson
	theft	has been reported to police to be the victim of theft (someone stole from them)
	break and enter	has been reported to police to be the victim of break and enter (someone broke into their premises)
	robbery	has been reported to police to be the victim of robbery (someone threatened/used violence against them to get something from them)
	assault	has been reported to police to be the victim of assault (i.e: hitting, stabbing, kicking)
	sexual assault	has been reported to police to be the victim of sexual assault (i.e: touching, rape)
	threat	has been reported to police to be the victim of someone uttering threats to them
	other	has been reported to police to be the victim of other crimes not mentioned above
Physical Violence	person victim of physical violence	has experienced physical violence from another person (i.e: hitting, pushing)
	person perpetrator of physical violence	has instigated or caused physical violence to another person (i.e: hitting, pushing)
	physical violence in the home	lives with threatened or real physical violence in the home (i.e: between others)
	person affected by physical violence	has been affected by others falling victim to physical violence (i.e: witnessing; having knowledge of)
Emotional Violence	person victim of emotional violence	has been emotionally harmed by others who have controlled their behaviour, name-called, yelled, belittled, bullied or intentionally ignored them, etc.
	person perpetrator of emotional violence	has emotionally harmed others by controlling their behaviour, name-calling, yelling, belittling, bullying, intentionally ignoring them, etc.
	emotional violence in the home	resides with a person who exhibits controlling behaviour, name-calling, yelling, belittling, bullying, intentional ignoring, etc.
	person affected by emotional violence	has been affected by others falling victim to controlling behaviour, name-calling, yelling, belittling, bullying, intentional ignoring, etc. (i.e: witnessing; having knowledge of)

Sexual Violence	person victim of sexual violence	has been the victim of sexual harassment, humiliation, exploitation, touching, or forced sexual acts
	person perpetrator of sexual violence	has been the perpetrator of sexual harassment, humiliation, exploitation, touching, or forced sexual acts
	sexual violence in the home	resides in a home where sexual harassment, humiliation, exploitation, touching, or forced sexual acts occur
	person affected by sexual violence	has been affected by others falling victim to sexual harassment, humiliation, exploitation, touching, or forced sexual acts (i.e: witnessing; having knowledge of)
Elderly Abuse	person victim of elderly abuse	has knowingly or unknowingly suffered from intentional or unintentional harm because of their physical, mental or situational vulnerabilities associated with the aging process
	person perpetrator of elderly abuse	has knowingly or unknowingly caused intentional or unintentional harm upon others because of physical, mental or situational vulnerabilities associated with the aging process
Supervision	person not properly supervised	has not been provided with adequate supervision
	person not providing proper supervision	has failed to provide adequate supervision to a dependent person (i.e: child, elder, disabled)
Basic Needs	person being neglected by others	basic physical, nutritional, or other needs are not being met by others they depend upon
	person neglecting others' basic needs	has failed to meet the physical, nutritional, or other needs of others under their care
	person unable to meet own basic needs	cannot independently meet their own physical, nutritional or other needs
	person unwilling to have basic needs met	person is unwilling to meet or receive support in receiving their own basic physical, nutritional or other needs met

Missing School	Truancy	has unexcused absences from school without parental knowledge
	Chronic Absenteeism	has unexcused absences from school with parental knowledge, that exceed the commonly acceptable norm for school absenteeism
Parenting	person not receiving proper parenting	is not receiving a stable, nurturing home environment that includes positive role models and concern for the total development of the child
	person not providing proper parenting	is not providing a stable, nurturing home environment that includes positive role models and concern for the total development of the child
	parent-child conflict	ongoing disagreement and argument between guardian and child that affects the functionality of their relationship and communication between the two parties
Housing	person does not have access to appropriate housing	is living in inappropriate housing conditions or none at all (i.e: condemned building, street)
	person transient, but has access to appropriate housing	has access to appropriate housing but is continuously moving around to different housing arrangements (i.e: couch-surfing)
Poverty	person living in less than adequate financial situation	current financial situation makes meeting the day to day housing, clothing or nutritional needs, significantly difficult
Negative Peers	person associating with negative peers	is associating with people who negatively affect their thoughts, actions or decisions
	person serving as a negative peer to others	is having a negative impact on the thoughts, actions or decisions of others
Antisocial/ Negative Behavior	person exhibiting antisocial/negative behavior	is engaged in behaviour that lacks consideration of others, which leads to damages to other individuals or the community (i.e: partying; public urination; rude, obnoxious or disruptive behaviour)
	antisocial/negative behavior within home	resides where there is a lack of consideration for others, resulting in damage to other individuals or the community (i.e: partying; public urination; rude, obnoxious or disruptive behaviour)

Unemployment	person temporarily unemployed	without paid work for the time being
	person chronically unemployed	persistently without paid work
	caregivers temporarily unemployed	caregivers are without paid work for the time being
	caregivers chronically unemployed	caregivers are persistently without paid work
Missing/ Runaway	runaway with parents' knowledge of whereabouts	has run away from home with guardian's knowledge but guardian is indifferent
	runaway without parents' knowledge of whereabouts	has runaway and guardian has no knowledge of whereabouts
	person reported to police as missing	has been reported to the police and entered in the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) as a missing person
	person has history of being reported to police as missing	has a history of being reported to police as missing and in the past has been entered on CPIC as a missing person
Threat to Public Health and Safety	person's behaviour is a threat to public health and safety	is currently engaged in behaviour that represents a danger to the health and safety of the community (i.e: unsafe property, intentionally spreading disease, putting others at risk)
Gangs	gang association	social circle involves known or suspected gang members, but is not a gang member
	gang member	is known to be a member of a gang
	threatened by gang	has received a statement of intention to be injured or have pain inflicted by gang members
	victimized by gang	has been attacked, injured, assaulted or harmed by a gang in the past
Social Environment	negative neighbourhood	lives in a neighbourhood that has the potential to entice negative behaviour or increase the risks of an individual to be exposed to or directly involved in other social harms
	frequents negative locations	is regularly present at locations known to potentially entice negative behaviour or increase the risks of an individual to be exposed to or directly involved in other social harms