

## **Risk Assessment for Community Contact**

## This should be completed prior to all Community Contacts

Is the person/family known to you or the Church?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are there known child protection issues, or are they a vulner	rable adult?
Do they or anyone in the family have a history of violence?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Do they or anyone in the family have a history of mental illne	ess?
Are they males between the ages of 15-30 or are there males	s of this
age in the family?	
Do they/the family live in a high-risk area/neighbourhood or location?	isolated
Do they or anyone in the family known to misuse drugs or ale	cohol?
Is there a possible risk from other occupants?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Can you get out of the environment quickly if you need to?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Are there any other factors to be considered?	
Inappropriate or impulsive behaviour	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Domestic violence	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Potential for violent behaviour/use of weapons	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Paranoid/persecutory ideas/signs of anger/frustration	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Dangerous dogs/pets	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Visits after 4pm in winter months or adverse weather	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
General Environmental Hazards (unsafe access, clutter etc)	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Transport Issues i.e. safety within cars with a person	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Person's communication/comprehension	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
If "yes" to any of the above, provide details here:	

Please examine your answers carefully. In your opinion:



Can you visit this person safely on your own? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure	
<b>IF YES</b> Ensure you have a process in place for safety with a designated person and make sure you leave with them the following information:	
<ul> <li>The names of all people making the visit (yourself and anyone else)</li> <li>Time of departure</li> <li>Time of visit</li> <li>Transport arrangements (car details)</li> <li>Name and address of person being visited</li> <li>Phone number (if applicable)</li> <li>Expected time of return</li> </ul>	
IF NO OR UNSURE	
Handle this very carefully and involve others in your decision to visit (or not) e.g. discuss with a Warden, Archdeacon or another person you trust, talk with others who know family/person for information; visit in pairs, log in with a safety person before and after the visit, take your phone, revise personal safety techniques i.e. how to get away; arrange visits in a safe place with others around, contact the Police for advice, telephone the person to assess if the visit feels safe – or not, provide an alternative way of helping/supporting them e.g., a phone call, meeting at a café or other public venue	
Have a discussion with others before initiating any of the above examples and keep a note of what happened.	
NB. A history of violence remains the highest single risk factor in predicting future violent behaviour.	
Notes/Action/Outcomes: Date	