



Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA)

About the ODARA

- The ODARA is a 13-item risk assessment instrument, to be used with clients to assess the risk that their partner will assault them again. This tool should be used within three days of intake.

Using the ODARA

- The ODARA is only to be completed by Certified Users (Certified Users will have a certificate issued either by PATHS, from in-person training, or the Waypoint Mental Health Centre, from ODARA 101 online training).
- Agencies should keep a copy of staff members' certificates on file.
- Results of the risk assessment will be communicated to the client with a focus on emotional support and planning for client safety.
- Results of the ODARA will be recorded in client files and communicated to the police and other agencies as requested by the client, in accordance with the ODARA instructions.

ODARA Training

- PATHS offers a full-day ODARA training session. Certificates are issued for successful completion. To schedule training, email paths@sasktel.net.
- Staff members that do not receive a passing score on their ODARA test will have the opportunity to attempt another test. They are also welcome to attend another training session.
- PATHS Member Agencies have access to ODARA 101, the online training program, free of charge. This program takes about 4 hours to complete. For log-in access to ODARA 101, email paths.research@sasktel.net.
- Certificates are issued for successful completion of ODARA 101.
- Staff can access ODARA 101 anytime to refresh their knowledge of the ODARA.
- As time elapses, staff that have not been using ODARA regularly may wish to re-certify to ensure that they have an adequate understanding of the ODARA. Please contact PATHS for information about recertification training.