

# Questions to think about when writing a statement

- Was there actual use of a weapon or was there a threat?
- What was the exact wording of the threat?
- Was the threat overt (I'm going to shoot you in the head) or implied (You'll pay for that)?
- Who was the threat made towards (themselves, you, your family, your kids, a pet, etc.) ?
- What was the weapon used? Provide as much detail about the type of weapon and where it is kept.
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- What is your relationship to the person? Family, friend, if in an intimate relationship – are you currently together or separated?
- Do you live together?
- Were children present for the incident?
- Has this person ever used coercive or controlling behaviour in your relationship?
- Has there been an escalation in behaviour recently?
- Are you afraid that this person will harm themselves or someone else?
- Does there seem to be a trigger for the behaviour (substances, mental health issues, anger etc.)?
- Does the person have mental health issues?
- Have they attempted suicide in the past?
- Does the person have a criminal record, if so, for what?
- Does the person have a history of failing to comply with court orders?
- Any violent offences?

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## Audio

Any cell phone recordings of threats or concerning incidents.



## Video

Any cell phone videos showing the concerning behaviour. For example, the person threatening you or others, threatening self-harm, playing with the firearms, or videos of them abusing substances.



## Photos

Any photos of the firearms (with serial numbers, if possible) or photos of injuries.



## Facts

If you not have any physical evidence. Provide as much detail as possible about how this person is a threat to themselves or others. Statements from yourself and/or other witnesses describing the behaviour.

