

Section E

Physical Perpetration Scales



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Description of Measures

| Perpetration Assessments | | | | | |
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| Construct | Scale/Assessment | Characteristics* | Target Groups | Psychometrics | Developer |
| E. Physical Perpetration | E1. Abuse Within Intimate Relationships Scale (AIRS) | 26-item scale that measures perpetration of psychological and physical abuse. There are 5 subscales: emotional abuse, deception, verbal abuse, overt violence, and restrictive violence. | Young adults. | Internal consistency: Overt violence = .86; Restrictive violence = .77. | Borjesson, Aarons, & Dunn, 2003 Copyright 2001 |
| | E2. Abusive Behavior Inventory | 30-item scale that measures the frequency of perpetration of physical and psychological abusive behaviors. The physical perpetration subscale includes 13 items (2 of which assess sexual abuse). | Male batterers. | Internal consistency: Physical abuse = .82. Evidence of criterion, convergent, and discriminant validity. | Shepard & Campbell, 1992 Copyright 1992 |
| | E3. Physical Abuse of Partner Scale | 25-item scale that measures the magnitude of physical abuse perpetrated against a spouse or partner. | Partners in dating, cohabiting, and marital relationships. | Internal consistency: > .90. Evidence of content and factorial validity. | Hudson, 1997 Copyright 1992 |
| | E4. Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS-2) | 78-item scale that assesses both victimization and perpetration. The 39-item perpetration scale includes 5 subscales that measure physical assault, psychological aggression, sexual coercion, negotiation, and injury between partners. The physical assault subscale includes 12 items which can be grouped into 2 categories: minor and severe. | Partners in dating, cohabiting, and marital relationships. | Internal consistency: (men & women combined) Physical assault = .86. Evidence of convergent, discriminant and factorial validity. | Straus, Hamby, Boney-McCoy, & Sugarman, 1996; Straus, Hamby, & Warren, 2003 Copyright 2003 |
| | E5. Safe Dates—Physical Violence Perpetration | 16-item scale that measures physical perpetration in dating relationships. | Male and female students in grades 8-9 | Internal consistency: 95. | Foshee, Linder, Bauman et al., 1996; Foshee et al., 1998 |

* Scale and subscale names in characteristics column are those that scale authors use and thus are not always consistent with CDC's terminology.

E2. Abusive Behavior Inventory—Partner Form

Here is a list of behaviors that many women report have been used by their partners or former partners. We would like you to estimate how often you have used these behaviors during the past six months. Your answers are strictly confidential.

CIRCLE a number for each of the items listed below to show your closest estimate of how often it happened in your relationship with your partner or former partner during the past six months.

- 1 = Never
- 2 = Rarely
- 3 = Occasionally
- 4 = Frequently
- 5 = Very Frequently

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| 1. Called her names and/or criticized her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Tried to keep her from doing something she wanted to do (example: going out with friends, going to meetings) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Gave her angry stares or looks | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Prevented her from having money for her own use | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. Ended a discussion with her and made the decision yourself | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. Threatened to hit or throw something at her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. Pushed, grabbed, or shoved her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. Put down her family and friends | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. Accused her of paying too much attention to someone or something else | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. Put her on an allowance | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. Used her children to threaten her (example: told her that she would lose custody, said you would leave town with the children) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. Became very upset with her because dinner, housework, or laundry was not ready when you wanted it or done the way you thought it should be | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 13. Said things to scare her (examples: told her something “bad” would happen, threatened to commit suicide) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. Slapped, hit, or punched her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 15. Made her do something humiliating or degrading (example: begging for forgiveness, having to ask your permission to use the car or do something) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 16. Checked up on her (examples: listened to her phone calls, checked the mileage on her car, called her repeatedly at work) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| 17. Drove recklessly when she was in the car | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 18. Pressured her to have sex in a way that she didn't like or want | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 19. Refused to do housework or childcare | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 20. Threatened her with a knife, gun, or other weapon | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 21. Spanked her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 22. Told her that she was a bad parent | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 23. Stopped her or tried to stop her from going to work or school | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 24. Threw, hit, kicked, or smashed something | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 25. Kicked her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 26. Physically forced her to have sex | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 27. Threw her around | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 28. Physically attacked the sexual parts of her body | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 29. Choked or strangled her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 30. Used a knife, gun, or other weapon against her | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Note: Item 21 was deleted from scale by its developers due to the low response rate and negative correlation with the total scale.

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Scoring Instructions

Physical abuse items include 6, 7, 14, 18, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 (item 21 is not included in subscale computation). The mean score of these items is computed by summing the point values given in response to each item in the subscale and dividing by the applicable number of items. Higher scores are indicative of greater levels of physical abuse perpetration.

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Shepard MF, Campbell JA. The Abusive Behavior Inventory: a measure of psychological and physical abuse. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 1992;7:291–305.

E3. Physical Abuse of Partner Scale (PAPS)

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

This questionnaire is designed to measure the physical abuse you have delivered upon your partner. It is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers. Answer each item as carefully and as accurately as you can by placing a number beside each one as follows.

- 1 = Never
- 2 = Very rarely
- 3 = A little of the time
- 4 = Some of the time
- 5 = A good part of the time
- 6 = Very frequently
- 7 = All of the time

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| _____ 1. I physically force my partner to have sex. | _____ 15. I knock my partner down and then kick or stomp him or her. |
| _____ 2. I push and shove my partner around violently. | _____ 16. I twist my partner's fingers, arms or legs. |
| _____ 3. I hit and punch my partner's arms and body. | _____ 17. I throw dangerous objects at my partner. |
| _____ 4. I threaten my partner with a weapon. | _____ 18. I bite or scratch my partner so badly that he or she bleeds or has bruises. |
| _____ 5. I beat my partner so hard he or she must seek medical help. | _____ 19. I violently pinch or twist my partner's skin. |
| _____ 6. I slap my partner around his or her face and head. | _____ 20. I hurt my partner while we are having sex. |
| _____ 7. I beat my partner when I'm drinking. | _____ 21. I hurt my partner's breast or genitals. |
| _____ 8. I make my partner afraid for his or her life. | _____ 22. I try to suffocate my partner with pillows, towels, or other objects. |
| _____ 9. I physically throw my partner around the room. | _____ 23. I poke or jab my partner with pointed objects. |
| _____ 10. I hit and punch my partner's face and head. | _____ 24. I have broken one or more of my partner's bones. |
| _____ 11. I beat my partner in the face so that he or she is ashamed to be seen in public. | _____ 25. I kick my partner's face and head. |
| _____ 12. I act like I would like to kill my partner. | |
| _____ 13. I threaten to cut or stab my partner with a knife or other sharp object. | |
| _____ 14. I try to choke or strangle my partner. | |

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Reference:

Hudson WW. The WALMYR assessment scales scoring manual. Tallahassee (FL): WALMYR Publishing Company; 1997.

E4. Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS-2)

No matter how well a couple gets along, there are times when they disagree, get annoyed with the other person, want different things from each other, or just have spats or fights because they are in a bad mood, are tired, or for some other reason. Couples also have many different ways of trying to settle their differences. This is a list of things that might happen when you have differences. Please circle how many times you did each of these things in the past year, and how many times your partner did them in the past year. If you or your partner did not do one of these things in the past year, but it happened before that, circle “7.”

How often did this happen?

1 = Once in the past year

2 = Twice in the past year

3 = 3–5 times in the past year

4 = 6–10 times in the past year

5 = 11–20 times in the past year

6 = More than 20 times in the past year

7 = Not in the past year, but it did happen before

0 = This has never happened

Sample of 2 of the 12 physical assault scale items:

I pushed or shoved my partner. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0

I punched or hit my partner with something that could hurt. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0

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To see entire scale, obtain permission to use, and obtain scoring information, contact:

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Straus MA, Hamby SL, Boney-McCoy S, Sugarman DB. The Revised Conflict Tactics Scale (CTS2): development and preliminary psychometric data. *Journal of Family Issues* 1996;17:283–316.

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E5. Safe Dates—Physical Violence Perpetration

How many times have you ever done the following things to a person that you have been on a date with? Only include when you did it to him/her first. In other words, don't count it if you did it in self-defense. Please circle one number on each line.

| | 10 or more times | 4 to 9 times | 1 to 3 times | Never |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. Scratched them | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 2. Slapped them | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 3. Physically twisted their arm | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 4. Slammed or held them against a wall | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 5. Kicked them | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 6. Bent their fingers | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 7. Bit them | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 8. Tried to choke them | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 9. Pushed, grabbed, or shoved them | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 10. Dumped them out of a car | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 11. Threw something at them that hit them | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 12. Burned them | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 13. Hit them with my fist | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 14. Hit them with something hard besides my fist | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 15. Beat them up | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 16. Assaulted them with a knife or gun | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

Scoring Instructions

Point values are indicated above. The physical perpetration scale score is calculated by summing the point values of the 16 responses. The mean value can also be obtained by dividing the summed responses by the number of items (16). Higher scores are indicative of greater physical perpetration. Scores can also be categorized such that “0” = no physical perpetration, “1” = 1 to 3 times, and “2” indicates perpetration 3 or more times.

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