Assessing Dangerousness: Domestic Violence Offenders and Child Abusers

Assessing Dangerousness reviews the intricacies of predicting intimate partner violence and homicide as well as child abuse and homicide to better prepare readers to make such assessments.

Extensively revised, this classic volume highlights the latest research in clear and accessible language. Each contributor, a noted expert in his or her field, has faced the difficult task of assessing the risk of intimate partner violence or child abuse in courtrooms, clinics, shelters, hospitals, schools, and more. The contributors’ experience in research and practice makes this the go-to resource for anyone interested in learning about making predictions with regard to violent behavior in family settings.

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- Presents clinical and court examples requiring the assessment of risk and danger that appeal to practitioners in social work, psychology, nursing, counseling, criminology, and public health.
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- Synthesizes related legal and ethical issues to help practitioners implement risk assessment in a responsible way.
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