

# **TOP FIVE RISK FACTORS TO ESCALATING VIOLENCE**

**1. Has the abuser ever used, or threatened to use, a gun, knife or other weapon against you?**

**2. Has the abuser ever threatened to kill or injure you? Document all quotes if possible.**

**3. Has the abuser ever tried to strangle or choke you?**

**4. Is the abuser violent or constantly jealous?**

**5. Has the abuser ever forced you to have sex?**