

The Signs of Safety Harm Analysis Matrix (v1.1)

The harm matrix is a tool introduced to...

- Helps both workers and referrers to think through the harm
- Enables professionals to move beyond harm causing behaviour (whether by adults or young people themselves) and explicitly analyse impact on the child
- Is especially useful in cases of long-term chronic/cumulative harm
- Careful and detailed analysis of the past harm is the foundation for creating clear, behaviourally specific danger statements
- The matrix can be used to record information and to create questions for the intake conversation

Actions & Experience <i>Time</i>	Timespan	First Incident	Worst Incident	Last Incident
Behaviour <i>The dangerous or harm causing adult behaviour. Can also be a young person's dangerous behaviour</i>	What is the worrying adult behaviour and how long has it been happening? How many times has that adult behaviour happened over the total time span?	When and what was the first time your agency heard about the worrying adult behaviour?	When, and what was the worst event of worrying adult behaviour your agency knows about?	When, and what is the most recent event of worrying adult behaviour your agency knows about?
Severity <i>Describes how bad the harmful adult behaviour is</i>	Over the whole timespan the adult behaviour has been happening, how bad has the adult behaviour been?	How bad was the first event of adult worrying behaviour?	How bad was the worst event of worrying adult behaviour?	How bad was the most recent event of worrying adult behaviour?
Impact <i>Describes the physical and emotional impact of the adult behaviours on the child.</i>	Over the whole timespan the adult behaviour has been happening what has been the overall impact on the children?	What was the impact of the first incident on the child(ren)?	What was the impact of the worst incident on the child(ren)?	What was the impact of the most recent incident on the child(ren)?

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