

### Todays workshop

- This session intends to introduce various topics relating to family violence, safety planning and wellbeing.
- This session is intended to complement your organisation's training materials by raising issues to enhance how we use safety planning tools.
- My comments are intended to raise awareness and promote discussion. They are not intended as criticism of policy, practice or staff of any organisation.
- If you get one new idea to keep yourself or any other people, whanau and families safer, great!

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### Todays workshop

- Look back at what we know about family violence, power and control, coercive control and family harm
- · Review various safety planning templates
- Practice with some safety planning 'models'
- We must always remember to listen to the voice and experiences of the victim/survivor – after all it is their plan. We need more than a one size-fits-all approach.

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### 3 Core Principles

- Safety for victims/survivors, children, other vulnerable adults, children and ourselves
- Accountability not only for people responsible for committing violence, but for the agencies delivering
- Partnership in that no single agency can effectively respond to family violence in isolation – it needs a collaborative approach

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### Thoughts about safety plans

Different perspectives – different lenses



Plan involving a single agency – as for the above but may also include an agency response, usually by a limited number of agencies

 Plan developed around the information sharing table – involving a number of agencies, with actions extending further than those undertaken by the victim/survivor or single agency alone.



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## Discussion & Questions

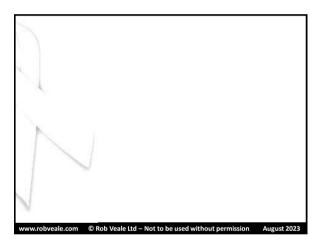
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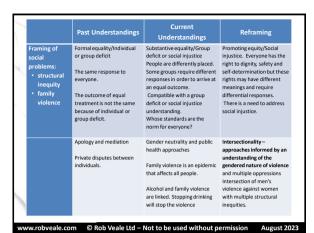


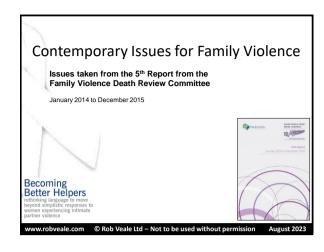


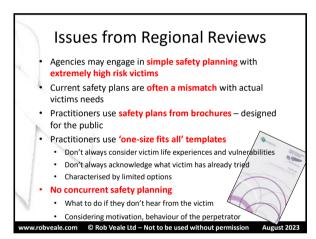


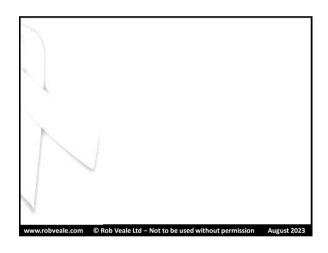


	Past Understandings	Current Understandings	Reframing
Safety focus and approach	Relationship repair.  If the dysfunction in the relationship can be addressed, the violence will be resolved.	Adult victim with a safety plan Transactional safety plans — the victim is provided with a safety plan (a list of actions she can take to achieve safety).	Adult and child victims — safety is dependent on collective action  Safety through connection — safety is dependent on the collective actions of agencies, communities and whânau.
Responsibility for stopping the violence	Mutual responsibility: victim and person using violence Help from a neutral third party (eg, counsellor) can support both partners to address their part in the relationship dysfunction.	Individual victim responsibility The victim is responsible for taking action to stop the violence.	Collective responsibility  Agencies, practitioners, whánau and communities have the responsibility to hold abusive people in intervention contexts, as well as containing and challenging their behaviour.

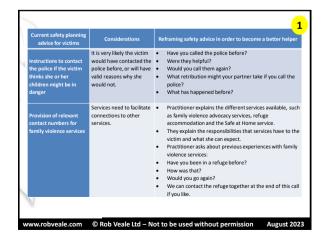


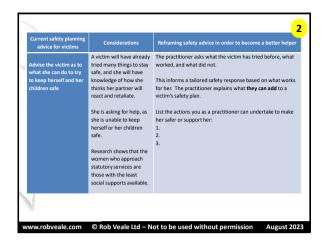


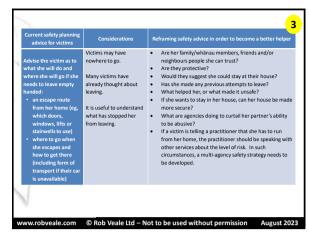


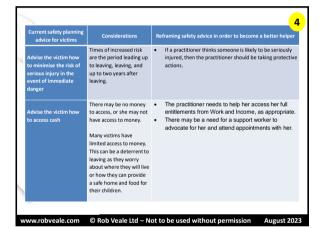


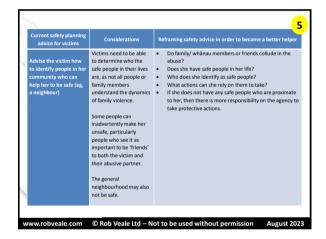




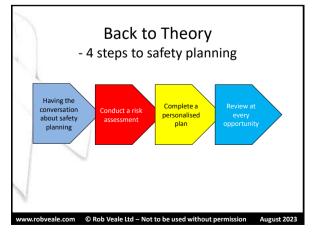














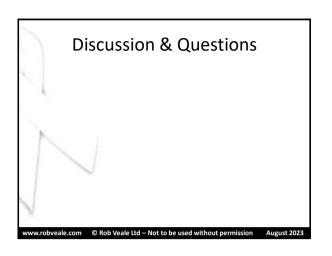


# A Steps to Safety Planning Step 3: Construct a personalised safety plan together with your client. Safety planning process must be a collaborative, individualised process with each client. The client's unique needs, safety risks, resources, and other life circumstances must be considered in order for safety planning to be effective. Tailor the forms and information to clients' unique background characteristics that influence her/his experiences with family violence.









### Safety planning - ideas

- Safety planning is about expanding options to be safer AND expand well-being
- Safety requires more than the absence of physical violence. A victim who is no longer hit by a partner but can no longer feed her children or pay the rent is not safe. Nor is she safe if she still experiences debilitating effects of trauma or lives in social isolation.
- Victims are safe when there is no violence, their basic human needs are met, and they experience social and emotional well being.

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### Safety planning - ideas

- Flexibility vs perfection. Rather than safety should we be working towards keeping people safer, where economic stability is increased and well-being is strengthened?
- · 'Safer' must include adequate levels of:
  - Basic human needs
  - Emotional and social well-being
  - · Freedom from violence



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### Safety planning - ideas

- Reducing violent and coercive behaviour is the priority.
- Understand the survivor's perspective and priorities.
- Work with the survivor to strengthen their safety plan.
- Leaving may be a strategy but it is not the only strategy. Having no option to leave is not making a decision to stay.



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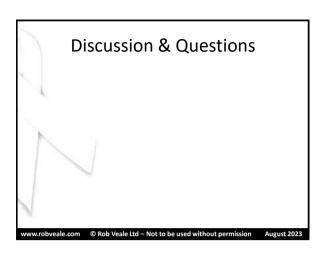
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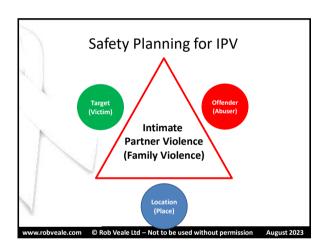
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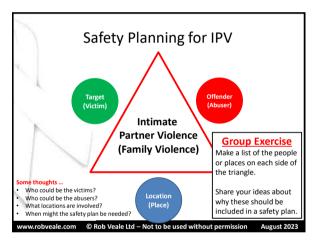


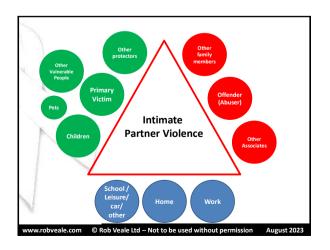


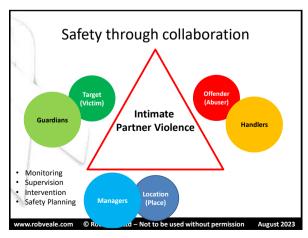








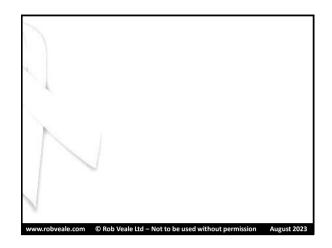




### Questions around our table

- Interagency responses
  - · What do our responses look like?
  - Examples
- Accountability
  - How do we ensure accountability? Who, when?
- · Timely feedback, case monitoring and reviewing safety plans
- Actions for follow-up

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## Another Model In this activity , we will look at examples of 'safety plans' and recognise potential trade-offs when the advice is compared alongside the 'domains' described in the 'Full Frame Initiative toolkit'. Let's look ast the 'Full Frame Initiative' involves and then reconsider our 'safety plan examples'. SAFETY HELP PEOPLE MAKE CHANGE THAT LASTS

Non Trauma Informed	Trauma Informed	Wellbeing
What's wrong with you? What's the matter with you?	What happened to you?	What matters to you?
Behaviors need to be stopped or started.	All behavior has a meaning .	All behavior serves a purpose - towards meeting <b>universal</b> needs for wellbeing.
Problematic behaviors are maladaptive.	Behaviors are adaptations and coping strategies in response to trauma.	All behavior serves a purpose - towards meeting <b>universal</b> needs for wellbeing.
Focus on problems, crisis response and doing no harm.	Focus on strengths that have helped overcome adversity.	Start with what's going well for the whole person, including outside of context of problems and adversity.
They're unmotivated; not ready for change; lazy.		What about this change feels the hardest? What doesn't feel worth it? What would make it more worth it to you? (change means weighing tradeoffs.)

