



## DETERMINING WHICH SAFETY ASSESSMENT TO COMPLETE

Evident Change has developed three types of the Structured Decision Making® safety assessment that California child welfare staff should use to assess immediate safety. To determine which safety assessment to complete, begin with the lefthand column on the table below. Then, move through the columns as rows as appropriate.

WHERE IS THE CHILD CURRENTLY PLACED?	WHO IS THE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR?*	UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT STILL REQUIRE THE DESIGNATED SAFETY ASSESSMENT	SAFETY ASSESSMENT TO COMPLETE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At their home</li> <li>Temporarily with a relative or kin as a result of a safety plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caregiver</li> <li>Household member</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historical reports when the child is no longer placed at home; and/or</li> <li>Reports involving the caregiver and the child doesn't live at home (e.g., placed in foster home, lives temporarily with relative)</li> </ul>	Complete one <b>safety assessment</b> for the identified household
Substitute care placement (e.g., foster home, relative home, NREFM, FFA, small family home)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substitute care provider (SCP)</li> <li>Household member within SCP home</li> </ul>	Reports including an allegation where the caregiver/foster parent has knowledge of harm but does not or is unable to protect the child	Complete one <b>substitute care provider safety assessment</b> for the identified household
Congregate care facility (e.g., STRTP, group home, THPP, transitional and temporary shelter care facilities)	Facility staff	Reports including an allegation where the facility caregiver has knowledge of harm but does not or is unable to protect the child	Complete one <b>safety assessment for congregate care</b> for each victim child

\*Includes allegations in which the caregiver failed to protect the child from harm. Example: A child who is currently placed in a group home has been exploited by a third party, and the person responsible for the child's care is aware of the exploitation and has not acted protectively.