

The Three Stage VTRA Process

The Regina Human Service Partnership's *Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment & Support Protocol* is based on The Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response's Canadian model of Violence Threat/Risk Assessment (VTRA). The VTRA follows a three-step process:

1. **Stage 1** – Data collection and immediate risk-reducing interventions;
2. **Stage 2** – Comprehensive multi-disciplinary risk evaluation; and
3. **Stage 3** – Multi-disciplinary intervention, long-term planning, management, and support.

What is the Purpose of a Violence Threat/Risk Assessment?

- To ensure a full understanding of the context and the level of the threat
- To better understand the factors that contribute to the threat-maker's behaviors
- To be proactive in developing a supportive response management and intervention plan; and
- To promote and ensure the safety of all

Protocol Partners

Regina Catholic Schools

Regina Public Schools

Regina Police Service

Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region,
Child & Youth Services

Ministry of Social Services

Ministry of Justice,
Corrections & Policing

City of Regina Fire & Protective Services

City of Regina Community Services

Regina Open Door Society

It is important for all parties to engage in the Violence Threat/Risk Assessment process. If for some reason there is reluctance to participate in the process (by the threat-maker and/or parents/guardians) the threat assessment process will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring environment for all. All threats will be taken seriously, investigated, and include an appropriate response.



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*Violence Threat/Risk
Assessment:
Fair Notice & Process*

*Community Violence
Threat Risk
Assessment & Support
Protocol*



The Regina Human Service Partnership is committed to making our schools and communities safe.

This Protocol supports collaborative planning among the partners to reduce violence and prevent traumatic events.

It highlights a community response to violence and uses a multi-disciplinary approach to respond to threat-making behaviors.

It emphasizes safe, caring and restorative approaches, fosters timely sharing of information; and promotes early interventions and supportive and preventative planning.

What Behaviors Warrant a Violence Threat/Risk Assessment to be Activated?

A Violence Threat/Risk Assessment will be activated for behaviors such as:

- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- Verbal/written threats to harm or kill others (“clear, direct, and plausible”)
- Online threats to harm or kill others
- Possession of weapons (including replicas)
- Bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
- Fire setting
- Sexual intimidation or assault
- Gang-related intimidation and violence

What is a threat?

- A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something.
- This may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gestures.

What Happens in a Violence Threat/ Risk Assessment?

- All threat-making behaviors must be reported to the appropriate Protocol partner
- Interviews are held with all involved individuals
- An investigation determines the level of risk and directs an appropriate response to the incident
- Intervention and support plans are developed and monitored
- Actions taken in any case (e.g., legal, disciplinary, etc.) will depend upon the context of the incident

Information shared throughout the threat/risk assessment process will respect the individual’s rights to privacy and the safety of all to the fullest extent possible.

Violence prevention in our schools and communities is a community responsibility. The community partners are involved at various levels.