

What is a Danger Statement?

Danger Statement(s) are simple statements that provide the reasons we are working with the family.

They set out what the specific worry/harm is now, and likely to be in the future should nothing change.

They refer to one issue at a time, therefore it is possible to have several Danger Statements relating to different key issues

Danger Statements describe the impact of the behaviour / worry on the child. This is about what harm the child has suffered or is likely to suffer as a result of the worry.

How to write a Danger Statement

There should be one Danger Statement for each issue.

Danger Statements include –

- who is worried

- what is the worry

- why is it a worry – impact

Use clear and simple language, statements using the words of the child or parent are powerful

Do not generalise, be specific about frequency, intensity and what harm the child suffered or is likely to suffer

The child's experience is at the heart of the danger statement

Signs of Safety Assessment and Planning Form

DANGER/HARM

SAFETY

Safety and Context Scale



Safety Scale: Given the danger and safety information, rate the situation on a scale of 0-10, where 0 means recurrence of similar or worse abuse/neglect is certain and 10 means that there is sufficient safety for the child to close the case.

Context Scale: Rate this case on a scale of 0-10, where 10 means this is not a situation where any action would be taken and 0 means this is the worst case of child abuse/neglect that the agency has seen.

Agency Goals What will the agency need to see occur to be willing to close this case?

Family Goals What does the family want generally and regarding safety?

Immediate Progress What would indicate to the agency that some small progress had been made?