

RISK DESCRIPTIONS GUIDE ^{*}

*Based on the Minnesota Department of Human Services Rule 25 Risk Descriptions Guide

		DIMENSION 1	DIMENSION 2	DIMENSION 3	DIMENSION 4	DIMENSION 5	DIMENSION 6
		Intox/Withdrawal (w/d)	Biomedical	Emotional/Behav/Cognitive	Readiness for Change	Relapse/Continued Use	Recovery Environment
SEVERITY RATING	0	Displays full functioning with good ability to tolerate and cope with withdrawal discomfort. No signs or symptoms of intoxication or withdrawal or resolving signs and symptoms	Displays full functioning with good ability to cope with physical discomfort.	Good impulse control and coping skills and presents no risk of harm to self or others. Functions in all life areas and displays no emotional, behavioral, or cognitive problems. Has a MH diagnosis and is stable.	Cooperative, motivated, ready to change, admits problems, committed to change, and engaged in treatment as a responsible participant.	Recognizes risk well and is able to manage potential problems.	Engaged in structured, meaningful activity and has a supportive significant other, family and living environment.
	1	Can tolerate and cope with withdrawal discomfort. Displays mild to moderate intoxication or signs and symptoms interfering with daily functioning but does not immediately endanger self or others. Poses minimal risk of severe withdrawal.	Tolerates and copes with physical discomfort and is able to get the services that s/he needs.	Has impulse control and coping skills. Presents a mild/mod risk of harm to self or others w/o means or displays symptoms of emotional, behavioral, or cognitive problems. Has a MH diagnosis, is stable and functions significantly in most life areas.	Motivated with active reinforcement, to explore tx and strategies for change, but ambivalent about illness or need for change.	Recognizes relapse issues and prevention strategies, but displays some vulnerability for further substance use or mental health problems.	Passive social network support or family and significant other are not interested in the client's recovery. The client is engaged in structured meaningful activity.
	2	Some difficulty tolerating and coping with withdrawal discomfort. Intoxication may be severe, but responds to support and treatment such that the client does not immediately endanger self or others. Displays moderate signs and symptoms with moderate risk of severe withdrawal.	Difficulty tolerating and coping with physical problems or has other biomedical problems that interfere with recovery and mental health treatment. Neglects or does not seek care for serious biomedical problems.	Difficulty w/ impulse control and lacks coping skills. Thoughts of suicide or harm to others without plan or means; the thoughts may interfere with participation in some tx activities. Difficulty functioning in significant life areas. Moderate symptoms of emotional, behav, or cognitive problems. Able to participate in most tx activities.	A) Minimal recognition and understanding of relapse and recidivism issues and displays moderate vulnerability for further substance use or mental health problems B) Some coping skills inconsistently applied.	Displays verbal compliance, but lacks consistent behaviors; has low motivation for change; is passively involved in tx.	Engaged in structured, meaningful activity, but peers, family, significant other, and living environment are unsupportive, or there is criminal justice involvement by the client or among the client's peers, significant others, or in the client's living environment.
	3	Tolerates/cope with w/d discomfort poorly; severe intox such that endangers self/others, or intox has not abated w/ support and tx at less intensive LOC; displays severe symptoms; or risk of severe, but manageable w/d; or w/d worsening despite detox at less intensive level.	Tolerates and copes poorly with physical problems or has poor general health. Neglects medical problems without active assistance.	Severe lack of impulse control and coping skills; frequent thoughts of SI/HI including a plan/means to carry out. Severely impaired in significant life areas; severe symptoms of emotional, behavioral, or cognitive problems interfering with client's participation in tx activities.	Displays inconsistent compliance, minimal awareness of either the client's addiction or mental disorder and is minimally cooperative.	Poor recognition and understanding of relapse and recidivism issues and displays moderately high vulnerability for further substance use or mental health problems. Has few coping skills, rarely applied.	Not engaged in structured, meaningful activity and the client's peers, family, significant other, and living environment are unsupportive, or there is significant criminal justice system involvement.
	4	Incapacitated with severe signs and symptoms. Displays severe withdrawal and is a danger to self or others.	Unable to participate in tx and has severe medical problems, a condition that requires immediate intervention, or is incapacitated.	Severe emotional or behavioral symptoms that place the client or others at acute risk of harm. Intrusive thoughts of harming self or others. Unable to participate in tx activities.	(A) Non compliant with tx; no awareness of addiction or MH d/o; does not want or is unwilling to explore change; or in total denial of illness and implications, or (B) Dangerously oppositional to the extent s/he is a threat of imminent harm to self and others.	No recognition or understanding of relapse and recidivism issues and displays high vulnerability for further substance use disorder or mental health problems. No coping skills to arrest mental health or addiction illnesses or prevent relapse.	(A) Chronically antagonistic significant other, living environment, family, peer group or long-term CJ involvement that is harmful to recovery or tx progress, or (B) Actively antagonistic significant other, family, work or living environment with immediate threat to client's safety.