

Domestic Violence Risk and Needs Assessment Instrument (DVRNA) Data Collection

What is the DVRNA?

- The DVRNA is a risk assessment tool that was developed from several research studies that identify risk factors for future abuse or re-offense by known domestic violence offenders.

Why is data being collected?

- The Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management (ODVSOM) is trying to prove that the DVRNA provides accurate results. By law the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) is required to collect data on treatment. Treatment providers who are approved by the DVOMB are required to provide domestic violence offence specific treatment to the ODVSOM per the *Standards for Treatment with Court Ordered Domestic Violence Offenders*.

How does it affect me?

- Generally, it doesn't. All information collected remains completely anonymous. This means that there is no way to connect the data back to you or your treatment provider. We are only interested in the raw numbers. Each case submitted is assigned a randomized number that cannot be traced back to any individual.

Why should I agree to participate?

- By agreeing to participate, you will help the DVOMB and the ODVSOM develop a more effective and accurate assessment tool which will, in turn, make your treatment more appropriate for you and other individuals who are required to complete domestic violence treatment. There are no negative consequences that will occur because of participation.

Do I have to participate?

- No, you don't. Participation is completely voluntary, although more data is helpful. Again, there are no negative consequences associated with participation.

I have questions, who should I contact?

- You can talk to your treatment provider, or contact Elliot Moen at elliottl.moean@state.co.us or Jesse Hansen at jesse.hansen@state.co.us.

