

Dynamic Risk Assessment

You are more likely to get into difficulties when you fail to anticipate or recognise the potential risks in a situation. Dynamic risk assessment is a method to continually assess a situation as it unfolds to help you choose the safest and most appropriate response.

We use the SAFER model

Step back

Don't rush in, take a moment to look at the situation and decide what you may be dealing with.

Assess Risk

When assessing a situation, it is helpful to think of **POPS**

(P) Person

What can you tell about his state of mind?

What do you know about him (history)?

What risks could present itself for him and others?

Anyone else around?

(O) Objects

Are there any items for him to use to harm himself or others?

Are there any objects in the way ?

(P) Place

Is this area isolated from help?

How can support be accessed?

Where are the exit routes?

(S) Situation

What is going on in this scenario?

Observe body language any clues as to why they are upset or angry

Find Help

Before engaging, let others know where you are. Consider what help you require: The emergency services, colleagues, by-standers, a manager. Seeking help can assist us to cope and deal with an incident rationally. The scale of help needed depends on the issue, situation and behaviour of all concerned.

Evaluate Options

What would you do in this situation?
Should I sit down next to them, stand at the door, offer assistance?

Respond

After deciding on the best course of action respond but continue to evaluate.