



APPLYING WHAT YOU KNOW: THINKING ABOUT SAFETY

1. Review each set of characteristics for the indicator.
2. Do not consider other indicators at this point.
3. Identify all characteristics that apply.
4. Consider intensity, frequency, duration, and impact on the child of the characteristics.
5. Answer this question: *Considering all you know about this child, what set of characteristics, traits, and attributes best represent what you know and have observed?*
6. **Think seriously about any Negative Characteristics you have identified in the home, and decide if they offset any Positive Characteristics in terms of impact on the child.**
7. Decide if the indicator overall is positive, concerning, or negative.

