

**CONFIDENTIAL COLLABORATIVE LAW
FAMILY SAFETY QUESTIONNAIRE¹**

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

DATE: _____

The purpose of this Confidential Collaborative Law Family Safety Questionnaire is to help your attorney better understand the degree of conflict between you and your spouse so that these difficulties can be resolved in the most effective manner. The information you provide must be true and accurate and not intended to mislead. Your spouse may have the chance to respond to the information that you provide. You do not have to answer this questionnaire if you believe that you may endanger yourself or your children by doing so. (If you are not married, substitute partner for spouse.)

It is very important that you answer this questionnaire truthfully so that your attorney is able to represent you as effectively as possible. Your attorney and other collaborative team members are required by law to report certain instances of abuse to Child Protective Services and/or the police. It is important that you understand that your attorney may be required by law to report instances of child abuse committed by you or your spouse.

Please answer the following questionnaire to the best of your ability regarding your behavior and your spouse's behavior **during the entire course of your marriage**. The answers that you provide will help your attorney assess the degree of conflict in your

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marriage and will help identify potential issues that will arise during the collaborative law process.

For any item below that you check "NEVER", check the last column if you believe your spouse may claim that you engaged in the behavior.*

YOUR BEHAVIOR TOWARD YOUR SPOUSE					*
			MORE THAN	DATE OF	
<u>NEVER</u>	<u>1-5 TIMES</u>	<u>6-10 TIMES</u>	<u>10 TIMES</u>	<u>LAST INCIDENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIOR</u>
					Yelling, threatening, swearing
					Humiliating, embarrassing, put downs
					Blaming all or most problems on your spouse
					Interrupting your spouse's eating or sleeping
					Keeping your spouse away from family, friends, employment
					Not permitting personal contact, phone, mail, or email
					Not permitting your spouse to go places by him/herself or without you
					Prohibiting your spouse's employment
					Punishing spouse for contact with others
					Demanding constant knowledge of spouse's whereabouts
					Making automobile not work, withholding car keys
					Making telephone not work
					Wrecking friendships or relationships with the rest of the family
					Threatening family and friends
					Not permitting spouse to have or get credit cards or checks
					Refusing to let spouse leave a room or place
					Falsely accusing spouse of being sexually unfaithful
					Using the children against spouse or keeping spouse from seeing them
					Making an unreasonable number of phone calls to spouse
					Refusing to leave spouse's home or workplace
					Monitoring/supervising spouse's phone calls
					Monitoring/supervising spouse's email or text messages
					Following spouse
					Stalking spouse
					Forcing spouse to use drugs or alcohol
					Forcing spouse to engage in prostitution or

					pornography	
					Pushing, carrying, shoving, grabbing, or restraining spouse	
					Attempted or actual slapping spouse with an open hand	
					Pulling spouse's hair	
					Physically dragging or throwing spouse	
					Biting or kicking spouse	
					Hitting spouse in the head, face, breast, or genital area	
					Hitting spouse in another area of the body	
					Attempted or actual choking, strangulation, or smothering spouse	
					Attempted or actual using of a knife, firearm, or other weapon against spouse	
					Trying to hit spouse with, or throw spouse out of, a vehicle	
					Burning spouse	
					Driving recklessly to scare spouse	
					Throwing objects at spouse	
					Raping spouse	
					Other forms of forced sex (please describe): _____	
					Abusing or threatening to abuse pets	
					Destroying property	
					Inflicting pain on spouse in a cruel or sadistic manner	
					Kidnapping spouse	
					Kidnapping a child	
					Breaking and entering into your spouse's residence or workplace	
					Withholding access to financial information and records	
					Refusing to allow spouse to show emotion	
					Prohibiting spouse from attending church or religious services	
					Forcing spouse to attend church or religious services	
					Other (please describe): _____	

Use this space, to explain any of the above items, if you desire.

For any item below that you check something other than "NEVER", check the last column if you believe your spouse may claim that the behavior NEVER occurred.*

YOUR SPOUSE'S BEHAVIOR TOWARDS YOU					*
NEVER	1-5 TIMES	6-10 TIMES	MORE THAN 10 TIMES	DATE OF LAST INCIDENT	BEHAVIOR
					Yelling, threatening, swearing
					Humiliating, embarrassing, put downs
					Blaming all or most problems on you
					Interrupting your eating or sleeping
					Keeping you away from family, friends, employment
					Not permitting personal contact, phone, mail, or email
					Not permitting you to go places by yourself or without your spouse
					Prohibiting your employment
					Punishing you for contact with others
					Demanding constant knowledge of your whereabouts
					Making automobile not work, withholding car keys
					Making telephone not work
					Wrecking friendships or relationships with the rest of the family
					Threatening family and friends
					Not permitting you to have or get credit cards or checks
					Refusing to let you leave a room or place where you are
					Falsely accusing you of being sexually unfaithful
					Using the children against you or keeping you from seeing them
					Making an unreasonable number of phone calls to you
					Refusing to leave your home or workplace
					Monitoring/supervising your phone calls
					Monitoring/supervising your email or text messages
					Following you
					Stalking you
					Forcing you to use drugs or alcohol
					Forcing you to engage in prostitution or pornography
					Pushing, carrying, shoving, grabbing, or restraining you
					Attempted or actual slapping you with an open hand
					Pulling your hair
					Physically dragging or throwing you

					Biting or kicking you	
					Hitting you in the head, face, breast, or genital area	
					Hitting you in another area of the body	
					Attempted or actual choking, strangulation, or smothering you	
					Attempted or actual using of a knife, firearm, or other weapon against you	
					Trying to hit you with, or throw you out of, a vehicle	
					Burning you	
					Driving recklessly to scare you	
					Throwing objects at you	
					Raping you	
					Other forms of forced sex (please describe): _____	
					Abusing or threatening to abuse pets	
					Destroying property	
					Inflicting pain on you in a cruel or sadistic manner	
					Kidnapping you	
					Kidnapping a child	
					Breaking and entering into your residence or workplace	
					Withholding access to financial information and records	
					Refusing to allow you to show emotion	
					Prohibiting you from attending church or religious services	
					Forcing you to attend church or religious services	
					Other (please describe): _____	

Use this space, to explain any of the above items, if you desire.

For any item below that you check "NEVER", check the last column if you believe your spouse may claim that you engaged in the behavior.*

YOUR BEHAVIOR TOWARDS CHILD(REN)				
			MORE THAN	DATE OF
<u>NEVER</u>	<u>1-5 TIMES</u>	<u>6-10 TIMES</u>	<u>10 TIMES</u>	<u>LAST INCIDENT</u>
<u>BEHAVIOR</u>				
				Yelling, threatening, swearing directed toward child
				Humiliating, embarrassing, put downs directed towards child
				Blaming all or most problems on child
				Interrupting child's eating or sleeping
				Keeping children away from family and/or friends
				Punishing child for contact with others
				Wrecking child's friendships or relationships with the rest of the family
				Threatening family and friends of child
				Refusing to let child leave a room or place where you are
				Pushing, carrying, shoving, grabbing, or restraining child
				Attempted or actual slapping child with an open hand
				Pulling child's hair
				Physically dragging or throwing child
				Biting or kicking child
				Hitting child in the head, face, breast, or genital area
				Hitting child in another area of the body beyond what would be considered reasonable physical discipline
				Attempted or actual choking, strangulation, or smothering of child
				Attempted or actual using of a knife, firearm, or other weapon against child
				Trying to hit child with, or throw child out of, a vehicle
				Burning child
				Throwing objects at child
				Abusing or threatening to abuse pets
				Destroying child's property
				Inflicting pain on child in a cruel or sadistic manner
				Kidnapping child
				Refusing to allow child to show emotion
				Sexual abusing child
				Forcing child to participate in child pornography
				Forcing child to look at child pornography
				Other (please describe): _____

