

### The Three Stage VTRA Process

The Regina Human Service Partnership's *Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment & Support Protocol* is based on The Center for Trauma Informed Practices (CTIP) model of Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO). The ARTO follows a three-step process:

1. **Stage 1** – Data collection and immediate risk-reducing interventions;
2. **Stage 2** – Comprehensive multi-disciplinary risk evaluation; and
3. **Stage 3** – Multi-disciplinary intervention, long-term planning, management, and support.

### What is the Purpose of an Assessment of Risk to Others?

- To ensure a full understanding of the context and the level of the threat
- To better understand the factors that contribute to the threat-maker's behaviors
- To be proactive in developing a supportive response management and intervention plan; and
- To promote and ensure the safety of all

## ARTO Protocol Partners

Regina Public Schools

Regina Catholic Schools

Regina Police Service

Ministry of Social Services

Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

Regina Fire & Protective Services

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, City of Regina

Regina Open Door Society

Mental Health & Addictions Services (Regina)

Integrated Health Services – Urban, SHA

Luther College High School

Cornwall Alternative School



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Service Partnership

*Assessment of Risk to*

*Others:*

*Fair Notice & Process*

*Community Assessment  
of Risk to Others &  
Support Protocol*

It is important for all parties to engage in the Assessment of Risk to Others process. If for some reason there is reluctance to participate in the process (by the threat-maker and/or parents/guardians) the threat assessment process will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring environment for all. All threats will be taken seriously, investigated, and include an appropriate response.



The Regina Human Service Partnership is committed to making our communities safe.

This Protocol supports collaborative planning among the partners to reduce violence and prevent traumatic events.

It highlights a community response to violence and uses a multi-disciplinary approach to respond to threat-making behaviors.

It emphasizes safe, caring and restorative approaches, fosters timely sharing of information; and promotes early interventions and supportive and preventative planning.

### What Behaviors Warrant an Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) to be Activated?

An Assessment of Risk to Others will be activated for behaviors including the following:

- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- Verbal, written, or social media threats to harm or kill others
- Possession of weapons (including replicas)
- Bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
- Fire setting
- Sexualized misconduct
- Gang-related intimidation and violence
- Cruelty to animals

### What is a threat?

- An expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
- May be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gestures

### What Happens in an Assessment of Risk to Others?

- All threat-making behaviors **must** be reported to the appropriate Protocol partner
- Interviews are held with all involved individuals
- An investigation determines the level of risk and directs an appropriate response to the incident
- Intervention and support plans are developed and monitored
- Actions taken in any case (e.g., legal, disciplinary, etc.) will depend upon the context of the incident

**Information shared throughout the threat/risk assessment process will respect the individual's rights to privacy and the safety of all to the fullest extent possible.**

**Violence prevention in our schools and communities is a community responsibility. The community partners are involved at various levels.**