To increase my safety, I can do some or all of the following:

1. When I talk to my abuser in person, I can:

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2. When I talk to my abuser on the phone, I can:

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______________________________________________________________________________

3. I will make up a "code word" for my family, co-workers or friends, so they know when to seek help for me. My code word is:

______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

4. When I feel a fight is going to begin, I will try to move to a place that is of lowest risk for getting hurt, such as:

______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Or (at work):
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

or: (at home) (in public):
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

5. I can tell my family, co-workers, boss or friend about my situation. I feel safe telling:

______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

6. I can use an answering machine or ask my co-workers, friends or other family members to screen my calls and visitors. I have the right to not receive harrassing phone calls. I can ask the following person to help screen my phone calls:
Work: __________________________ Home: __________________________

7. I can keep change for phone calls with me at all times. I can call any of the following people for assistance or support if necessary and can ask them to call the police if they see my abuser bothering me.

Friend: __________________________ # __________________________
Relative: ___________________  # _________________________

Co-worker: _______________  # _________________________

Counselor: _______________  # _________________________

Shelter: _________________  # _________________________

Other: _________________  # _________________________

8. When leaving work I can:
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

9. When walking, riding or driving home, if problems occur, I can:
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

10. I can attend a support group for people who have been abused. Support groups are held at this day and time: ________________________________.
At this agency: __________________________________.

11. Telephone Numbers I Need to Know:

Police/Sheriff’s Department: ________________________________

Probation Officer: _________________________________________

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program: _____________________

Counselor: _______________________________________________

Faith leader: ____________________________________________

Attorney: _______________________________________________

Other: __________________________________________________

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