

119 **62A-4a-203.1. Safety and risk assessments.**

120 (1) Child welfare caseworkers within the division shall use evidence-informed or
 121 evidence-based safety and risk assessments to guide decisions concerning a child throughout a
 122 child protection investigation or proceeding.

123 (2) As part of the evidence-informed or evidence-based safety and risk assessments, the
 124 division shall assess at least the following:

125 (a) threat ~~H~~→ [of harm to a child] to a child's safety ←H :

126 (b) protective capabilities of a ~~H~~→ [child's parent or guardian] parent or guardian,
 126a including the parent or guardian's readiness, willingness, and ability to plan for the child's
 126b safety ←H :

127 (c) a child's particular vulnerabilities;

128 (d) interventions required to protect a child; and

129 (e) likelihood of future harm to a child.

130 Section 3. Section **62A-4a-209** is amended to read:

131 **62A-4a-209. Emergency placement.**

132 (1) As used in this section:

133 (a) "Friend" means the same as that term is defined in Subsection 78A-6-307(1)(a).

134 (b) "Nonrelative" means an individual, other than a noncustodial parent or a relative.

135 (c) "Relative" means the same as that term is defined in Subsection 78A-6-307(1)(c).

136 (2) The division may use an emergency placement under Subsection

137 62A-4a-202.1(4)(b)(ii) when:

138 (a) the case worker has made the determination that:

139 (i) the child's home is unsafe;

140 (ii) removal is necessary under the provisions of Section 62A-4a-202.1; and

141 (iii) the child's custodial parent or guardian will agree to not remove the child from the
 142 home of the person that serves as the placement and not have any contact with the child until
 143 after the shelter hearing required by Section 78A-6-306;

144 (b) a person, with preference being given in accordance with Subsection (4), can be
 145 identified who has the ability and is willing to provide care for the child who would otherwise
 146 be placed in shelter care, including:

147 (i) taking the child to medical, mental health, dental, and educational appointments at
 148 the request of the division; and

149 (ii) making the child available to division services and the guardian ad litem; and