

Threshold Criteria for Impeding Danger

Impending Danger

A state of danger in which family behaviors, attitudes, motives, emotions and/or situations pose a threat which may not be currently active but can be anticipated to have severe effects on a child at any time.

Danger Threshold: Criteria for Impending Danger

Observable:	Can be behaviorally described in detail
Out of Control:	No responsible adult can prevent/stop threat
Severe:	Threat will likely result in severe harm to a child
Imminent:	Threat will occur in the near to immediate future
Vulnerable Child:	A child that is vulnerable to the threat

Clarifying and Qualifying the Danger Threshold

(Things to think about when considering the threshold)

- How long have family conditions been occurring? (Duration)
- How often do the family conditions happen? (Consistency)
- What is the extent of the family conditions? (Pervasiveness)
- What stimulates/contributes to the family conditions? (Influence)
- What is the impact on the family? (Impact)
- How likely is that family conditions will continue? (Continuance)