

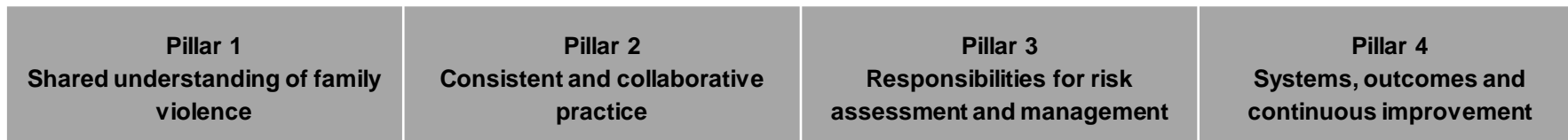
MARAM Framework on a page

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Practice environment

Supporting materials

Operational practice guidance on risk assessment and management responsibilities

Core knowledge

1: Respectful, sensitive and safe engagement	2: Identification of family violence <i>Using identification and screening tool</i>	3: Intermediate risk assessment <i>Using brief and intermediate tool</i>	4: Intermediate risk management	5: Seek consultation for comprehensive risk assessment / management and referrals
6: Contribute to information sharing with other services	7: Comprehensive risk assessment <i>Using comprehensive tool</i>	8: Comprehensive risk management and safety planning	9: Contribute to coordinated risk management	10: Collaborate for ongoing risk assessment and risk management

Organisational embedding guidance

2020:
 Self-assessment for victim survivors
 Perpetrator Behaviour Assessment
 Comprehensive Perpetrator Risk Assessment

Rolling 5-yearly review supporting continuous improvement

Key improvements	Description
Framework principles	The Framework recognises that to provide effective and safe responses for people experiencing family violence, services need a shared understanding of family violence and of the responsibilities of the professionals involved. To help achieve a shared understanding, the Framework principles support each Pillar and help guide Victoria's family violence system-wide response.
System architecture and accountability	The authorising environment for the Framework is established at multiple levels in law, regulations, policy and practice. This creates the system architecture and accountability mechanisms required to establish a system-wide approach to and shared responsibility for family violence risk assessment and management.
Legislative environment – regulations	<p>The Framework is established in law as a Legislative Instrument under the <i>Family Violence Protection Act 2008</i> (FVPA).</p> <p>Regulations prescribe a broader range of workforces as 'Framework organisations' to undertake family violence risk assessment and management. This means they are required to align their policies, procedures, practice guidance and tools to the Framework as required under the FVPA.</p>
Policy environment – MARAM Framework	The MARAM Framework sets out the policy approach to implementing the Framework Legislative Instrument, and outlines pillars against which prescribed organisations align their practice. The MARAM Framework will support workers across the service system to better understand their responsibilities to undertake family violence risk assessment and management.
Operational practice guidance on risk assessment and management responsibilities	Operational practice guidance, includes core knowledge and practice guidance on responsibilities for Family Violence Risk Assessment and Management. Practice guidance is currently in development.
Risk assessment tools	The MARAM Framework responds to contemporary evidence and recognises a wider range of risk factors, including for diverse communities, at-risk age cohorts, and across identities, family structures and relationships. MARAM will be supported by a suite of new risk assessment tools. There is a new online system to host the assessment tools (Tools for Risk Assessment and Management or 'TRAM'). TRAM is currently being tested at selected pilot sites.
Organisational embedding guidance	Resources for organisations and leadership to support alignment and implementation of policies, procedures, practice guidance and tools to the Framework. Departments and funding agencies will provide guidance to specific workforces on how to embed and align to MARAM.

More information is available in the Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management (MARAM) Framework. The MARAM Framework can be downloaded via: <https://www.vic.gov.au/maram-practice-guides-and-resources>