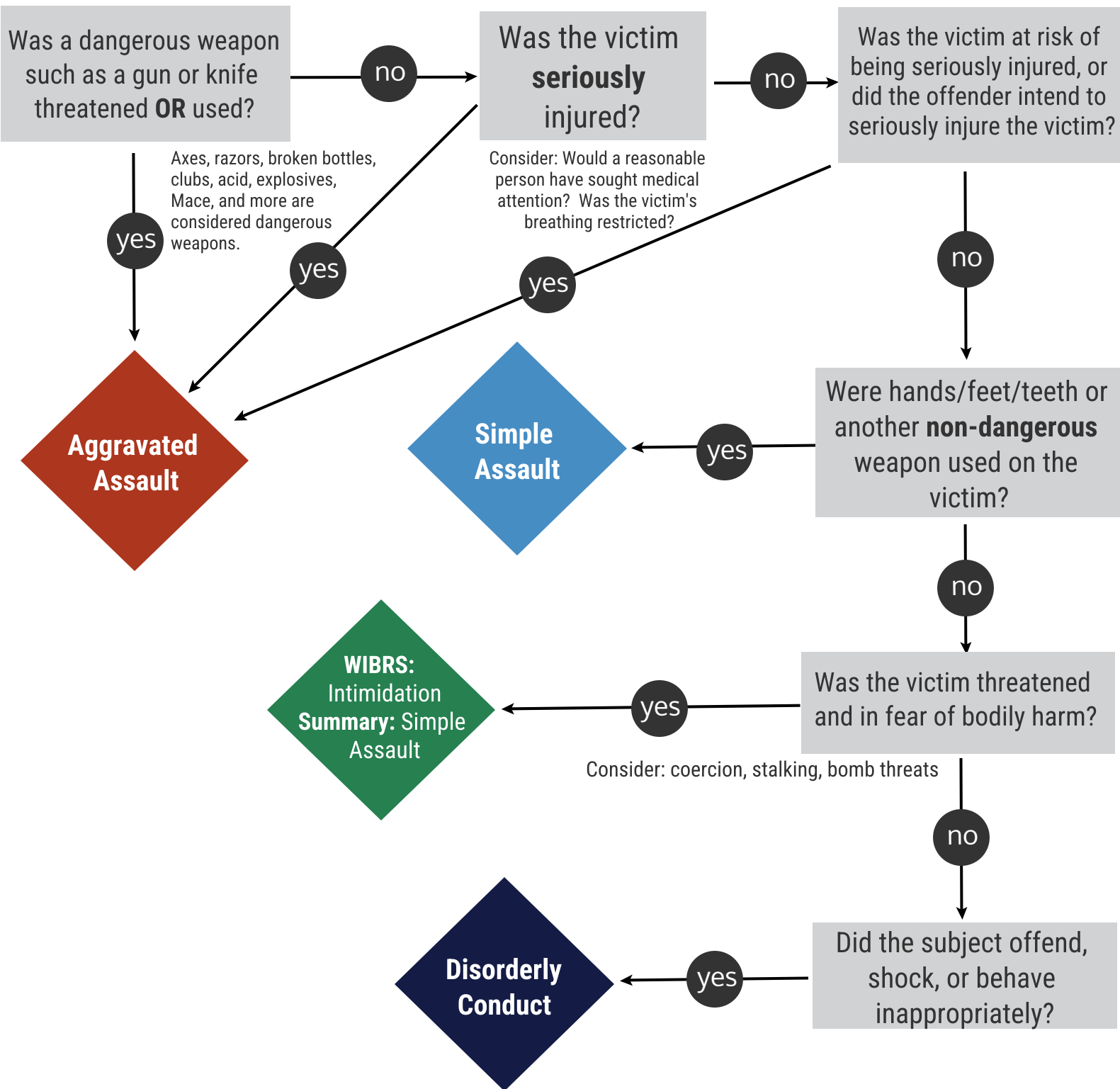


What level of assault is it?



Assault Definitions and Examples

Aggravated Assault

Definition: An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

Example 1: Dave hit Rob on the head with a bottle, causing him to lose consciousness.

Example 2: One student held a long nail to another's throat, threatening to kill him.

Reminders:

- Asphyxiation should be included as a weapon for strangulation incidents.

Simple Assault

Definition: An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

Example 1: Dave slapped Rob across the face, leaving a red mark.

Example 2: A woman angrily threw her sneaker at her boyfriend, hitting him in the leg.

Reminders:

- Involves a physical attack. If no physical attack, consider intimidation.
- If hands/feet/teeth were used on victim, the weapon should be reported as Personal Weapons (40). If another weapon was used, it should be aggravated assault.
- Report any minor injury as Minor injury (M). If a more severe injury occurred, it should be aggravated assault.

Intimidation

Definition: To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

Example 1: Dave called Rob and told Rob he would kill him.

Example 2: A terrorist called in a bomb threat to an airline.

Reminders:

- Should not involve an actual physical attack
- Should not involve display of a weapon
- Includes stalking, bomb threats, verbal or written threats

Disorderly Conduct

Definition: Any behavior that tends to disturb the public peace or decorum, scandalize the community, or shock the public sense of morality. ***Reported only if an arrest is made.*

Example 1: Dave got drunk and yelled obscenities at everyone within earshot.

Example 2: Two men shouted at each other on a sidewalk in a crowded area.

Note: All four definitions are from the FBI's 2013 NIBRS User Manual, v 1.0. The manual can be found at <https://ucr.fbi.gov/>



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