



► **Scenario 7**

Occupational Therapy Intervention in a Social Context

You work in the outpatient program of a major rehabilitation center. One of your clients is a 27-year-old male who sustained a brain injury from a skiing accident. Although he presents well, he has some anxiety in social situations and has difficulty organizing his time and finances.

On assessment, he identifies his main goal as socializing with his friends who meet regularly at the pool hall. He reports that his friends have joined him at the pool hall but have usually left quickly, and he is feeling lonesome and abandoned. In collaboration with the client and other team members, it's decided that a reasonable treatment plan would be to work on his social skills and his time and financial management skills in the client's preferred social setting of a pool hall.

The client arrived on time for the session, and you were able to assess his social skills with others in the pool hall. However, you also suspect that the client finds you attractive. He has asked you personal questions. You are roughly the same age.

Some Warning Signs/Risk Factors

Using the real-life context of a pool hall may be misinterpreted by client.

Client is same age and reports feeling lonely.

Client asks personal questions.



Work Sheet

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STEP ONE

Identify the risk factors under each area:

- Client's Vulnerability _____

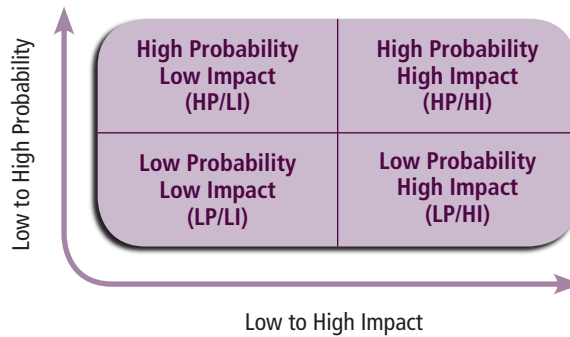
- Therapeutic Relationship _____

- Practice Setting _____

- Therapist's Skills and Knowledge Level _____

STEP TWO

Given the risk factors, categorize the risk:



STEP THREE

Ways to Mitigate the Risk

Review the professional boundaries listed under each of the *Essential Competencies* (pages 5-9) in *Drawing the Line: Guidelines for Establishing Professional Boundaries to Prevent Sexual Misconduct*, to identify the strategies that would help you to prevent sexual misconduct in this scenario.

1. Assumes Professional Responsibility _____

2. Demonstrates Practice Knowledge _____

3. Utilizes a Practice Process _____

4. Thinks Critically _____

5. Communicates Effectively _____

6. Engages in Professional Development _____

7. Manages the Practice Environment _____
