

Standardized Screening Trafficking Questions

The following questions are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Although written for healthcare providers, many anti-trafficking resources note their applicability as general screening tools for situations of both sex and labor trafficking. Please note that the order listed does not indicate the order in which the questions should be asked. The type and order of the questions should be tailored to individual situations and amended to enhance their effectiveness and support of the client.

- Did someone control, supervise or monitor your work/actions?
- Can you leave your job or work situation if you want to?
- Was your communication ever restricted or monitored?
- Were you able to access medical care?
- Were you ever allowed to leave the place you were living/working? Under what conditions?
- Was your movement outside of your residence/workplace ever monitored or controlled?
- What did you think would have happened if you left the situation?
 - Was there ever a time when you wanted to leave, but felt that you could not?
 - What do you think would have happened if you left without telling anyone?
- Did you feel it was your only option to stay in the situation?
- Did anyone ever force you to do something physically or sexually that you didn't feel comfortable doing?
- Were you ever physically abused (shoved, slapped, hit, kicked, scratched, punched, burned, etc.) by anyone?
- Were you ever sexually abused (sexual assault/unwanted touching, rape, sexual exploitation, etc.) by anyone?
- Did anyone ever introduce you to drugs or medications?

*From "Resources: Screening Tool for Victims of Human Trafficking," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
http://www.justice.gov/usao/ian/htr/health_screen_questions.pdf. Accessed 18 June 2013.*