

Information Sheet:

Possible questions to ask a person who may have been trafficked.

Remember – It is generally best not to interview for facts (dates, times, places, names), unless you are a police officer or other designated interviewer. Most service providers do not need to know every fact or detail; you just need to know enough to determine what the person's immediate needs are – for food or water, medical care, or shelter, for example – and what services you can recommend.



We also recommend that you let the person tell their story in their own way – not overwhelm them with direct questions. That said, you may need to ask a few questions like the following to help someone tell their story, and that way possibly reveal signs of human trafficking.



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General

- Where do you come from?
- How did you get here – to this city/town?
- Did anyone help you get here, by driving you or paying your fare?
- Did you pay someone to bring you here?
- Where do you live?
- Where do you work?
- Where is your family?
- Do you have a doctor or a dentist?
- Are you free to do things independently – go to the store, visit a doctor?
- Have you or your family ever been threatened?

Work

- What kind of work do you do?
- How did you find out about this job?
- Did someone help get you this job?
- What kind of work were you told you would be doing?
- How much money were you told you would make?
- How much money are you making?
- Do you keep all your money?
- Does someone else keep some or all of your money?

Working Conditions

- Are your working conditions what you were told they would be?
- Is anyone forcing you to do anything you don't want to?
- Can you leave your job if you want to?
- Do you feel safe in the work you do?
- Have you ever been hurt at work, or by your employer or anyone else in your work?
- Have you ever been punished for doing or not doing something?
- Did you receive medical care for your injuries?
- Do you get days off or vacations?

Living Conditions

- Do you pay rent?
- Where do you sleep and eat?
- Is it a private room?
- Do you live with others? How many?
- Do you have a bathroom, with a shower?
- Are you free to leave when you please?
- Do you have to ask permission to eat, sleep or go to the bathroom?
- Are there locks on the doors or windows that you cannot open?
- Do you feel safe where you live?

Debts

- Do you owe anyone money?
- What do you owe this money for?
- Documents
- Do you have a passport or visa?
- Where are they?
- Can you get them if you need them?



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