HUMAN TRAFFICKING SCREENING TOOL

Knowing that the basis of all adult trafficking involves the three core elements of force, fraud, and coercion, each question included in the Adult Human Trafficking Screening Tool (AHTST) was crafted by the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) to reflect one of these core elements.

Question	Respondent Answer	Notes
1. Sometimes lies are used to trick people into accepting a job that doesn't exist, and they get trapped in a job or situation they never wanted. Have you ever experienced this, or are you in a situation where you think this could happen?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Declined to Answer ☐ Don't Know	
2. Sometimes people make efforts to repay a person who provided them with transportation, a place to stay, money, or something else they needed. The person they owe money to may require them to do things if they have difficulty paying because of the debt. Have you ever experienced this, or are you in a situation where you think this could happen?	Yes No Declined to Answer Don't Know	
3. Sometimes people do unfair, unsafe, or even dangerous work or stay in a dangerous situation because if they don't, someone might hurt them or someone they love. Have you ever experienced this, or are you in a situation where you think this could happen?	YesNoDeclined to AnswerDon't Know	
4. Sometimes people are not allowed to keep or hold on to their own identification or travel documents. Have you ever experienced this, or are you in a situation where you think this could happen?	Yes No Declined to Answer Don't Know	
5. Sometimes people work for someone or spend time with someone who does not let them contact their family, spend time with their friends, or go where they want when they want. Have you ever experienced this, or are you in a situation where you think this could happen?	Yes No Declined to Answer Don't Know	
6. Sometimes people live where they work or where the person in charge tells them to live, and they're not allowed to live elsewhere. Have you ever experienced this, or are you in a situation where you think this could happen?	Yes No Declined to Answer Don't Know	
7. Sometimes people are told to lie about their situation, including the kind of work they do. Has anyone ever told you to lie about the kind of work you're doing or will be doing?	Yes No Declined to Answer Don't Know	
8. Sometimes people are hurt or threatened, or threats are made to their family or loved ones, or they are forced to do things they do not want to do in order to make money for someone else or to pay off a debt to them. Have you ever experienced this, or are you in a situation where you think this could happen?	Yes No Declined to Answer Don't Know	

If the client/patient answered YES to any of the questions, this may indicate a risk for current, former, or future trafficking. If you feel this individual is at risk, or is being trafficked, discuss referral options, including possibly reporting to the appropriate authorities trained in human trafficking. Ask, "Do you want additional resources or information?"

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