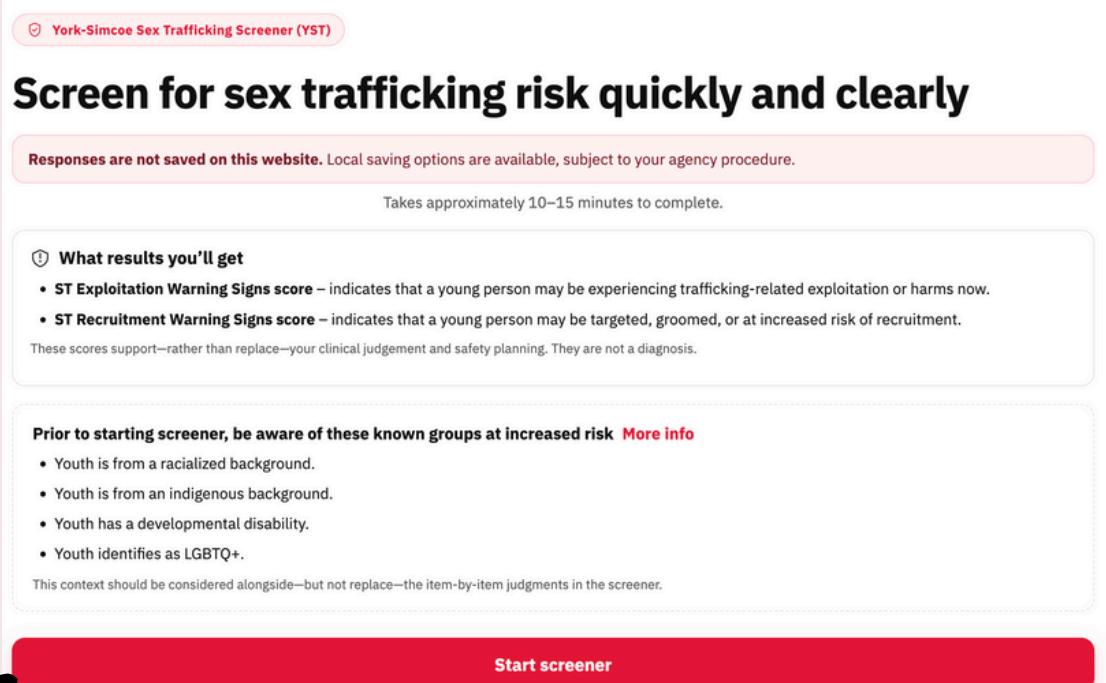
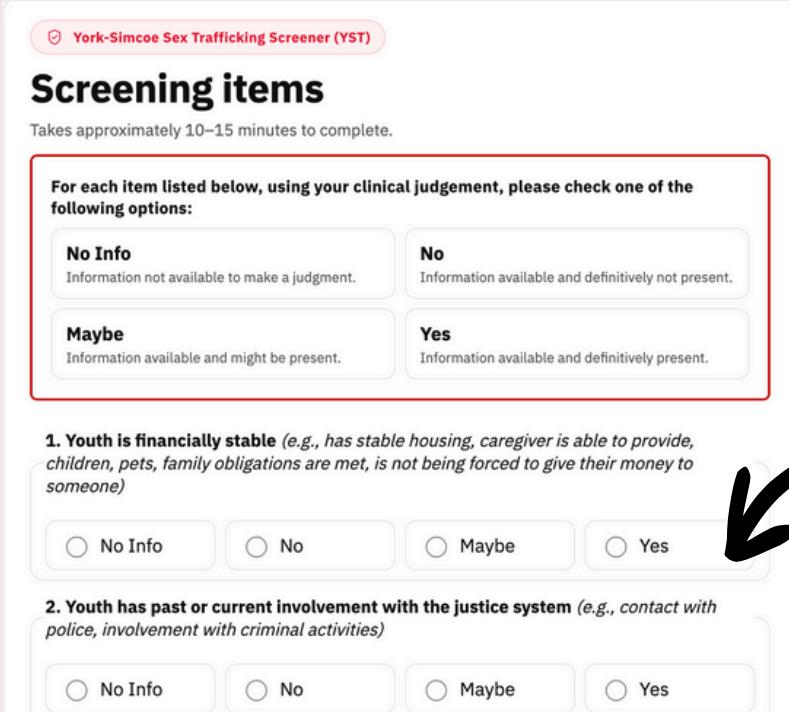


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Select to start

Start screener



Screening items

Takes approximately 10–15 minutes to complete.

No Info
Information not available to make a judgment.

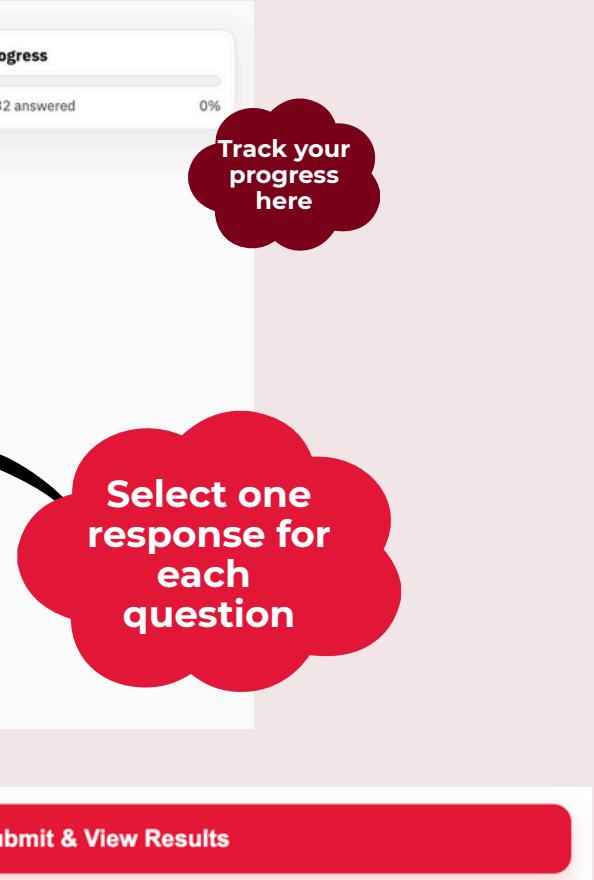
No
Information available and definitively not present.

Maybe
Information available and might be present.

Yes
Information available and definitively present.

1. Youth is financially stable (e.g., has stable housing, caregiver is able to provide, children, pets, family obligations are met, is not being forced to give their money to someone)

2. Youth has past or current involvement with the justice system (e.g., contact with police, involvement with criminal activities)



Progress
0/32 answered 0%

Submit & View Results

Click submit

How do I use the YST ?

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Screener Results

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Summary

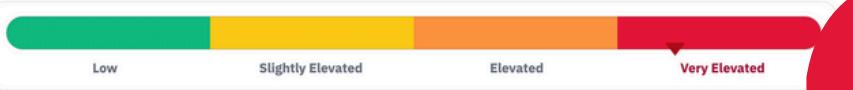
This youth is presenting with a significant number of exploitation warning signs placing them at a very elevated risk of sex trafficking involvement. Please follow agency guidelines and seek immediate support for the youth.

Use clinical judgement and local safety procedures. Scores support—not replace—professional decision-making.

The summary section indicates a youth's overall level of risk and next steps

ST Exploitation Warning Signs

 Ratings on this scale indicate that the youth presents with more exploitation warning signs than 90% of other youth involved with child welfare.



Low Slightly Elevated Elevated Very Elevated

Confirmed risk items

- Youth has gang affiliation/contact (e.g., tattoos suggestive of branding or gang insignia).
- Youth hitch-hikes or travels in cars with unknown individuals (e.g., receives or solicits drives from unknown individuals/strangers, has Ubers sent to them, has a driver).
- Youth reports exchanging sex for money or material goods
- Youth has large amounts of unexplained cash, or expensive items (e.g., new purses, shoes, technical services, gift cards, groceries being assisted by strangers).
- Youth has several cell phones

These are the Exploitation Warning Signs you've responded "yes" to

The Exploitation Warning Signs section indicates the range of ST exploitation risk a youth falls into based on their score.

ST Recruitment Warning Signs

 Ratings on this scale indicate that the youth presents with more recruitment warning signs than 90% of other youth involved with child welfare.



Low Slightly Elevated Elevated Very Elevated

Confirmed risk items

- Youth has peer relationships that appear unsafe (e.g., peers who are a negative influence, significantly older peers, unstable peer group) and/or experiences social exclusion.
- Youth describes basic needs as being unmet (e.g., financially and/or emotionally)
- Youth has sporadic school attendance (e.g., skips multiple days or is not attending, attends to solicit other youth).
- Youth presents a significant and sudden change in appearance (e.g., dress, hygiene, weight)

The Recruitment Warning Signs section indicates the range of ST recruitment risk a youth falls into based on their score.

These are the Recruitment Warning Signs you've responded "yes" to

How do I use the YST ?

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Items marked "No Info" or "Maybe" (investigate)

- Youth has been exposed to an abusive or controlling intimate partner
- Youth is connected to people who are exploited (i.e., trafficked), who buy or sell sex or who are known/suspected to be sex traffickers.
- Youth uses language related to sex trafficking (e.g., "the game")
- Youth runs away/is gone and their whereabouts are unknown (e.g., for long periods of time, frequently for short durations, unexplained absence).
- Youth frequents hotel rooms and/or has hotel key cards in their possession.
- Youth is financially stable (e.g., has stable housing, caregiver is able to provide, children, pets, family obligations are met, is not being forced to give their money to someone)
- Parent/caregiver is unable to provide adequate supervision
- Youth appears on edge, preoccupied with safety, or hypervigilant.
- Youth presents with self-harming behaviour and/or expresses suicidal ideation (i.e., thoughts about dying or ending life)
- Youth presents with substance use difficulties (e.g., appears to be under the influence, found with alcohol/drugs)
- Youth has past or current involvement with the justice system (e.g., contact with police, involvement with criminal activities)
- Youth lives outside of family/caregiver home (e.g., stays overnight at friends for extended time, periods of homelessness, unstable housing, with a boy/girlfriend), lives independently and/or is being housed by someone who is paying for their living expenses.

Print / Save PDF Tip: expand dropdowns before printing so all items appear on the PDF.

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Remember
the YST is not saved.
If you don't print or
save you lose your
results.

These are items
you've responded "No
Info" or "Maybe" to

Have a look. Are there
items you can get
more information
about?

The more
information you
have, the more
accurately you can
determine a
youth's
level of risk

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Summary

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ST Exploitation Warning Signs

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Low	Slightly Elevated	Elevated	Very Elevated

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