

Dirty Harry Template

A Dirty Harry scenario occurs when a normally lawful person (e.g., a police officer or detective) believes the only way for them to carry out their legal mandate (e.g., protect people from harm or arrest criminals) is to take an action that is not morally permissible (e.g., lying to or physically harming a suspect).

Use this template to write a plausible Dirty Harry scenario that could arise from using one of the authorization forms and return it to MDOS for feedback.

MDOS recommended that DHS use an authorization form stipulating that an agent is not allowed to:

During the interrogation session, the agent violated this by:

The agent believed this was morally justified because:

But it was still not morally permissible because: