

YST: The York–Simcoe Sex Trafficking Screener

A quick online tool to screen for sex trafficking risk

 Anonymous

 Empirically-validated

 For use in child welfare



What is the YST

- Screens for sex trafficking recruitment/exploitation risk
- Provides immediate results to support safety and next steps
- Informs but does not replace judgement by AHT professionals

Why It's Unique

The YST screens for sex trafficking risk across two subscales:

1. Recruitment Warning Signs

Warning signs that indicate your youth is more susceptible to being lured and/or recruited

E.g. Youth's basic needs are unmet

2. Exploitation Warning Signs

Immediate warning signs that indicate the possibility of active involvement

E.g. Youth frequents hotel rooms

****The YST detects early recruitment signs to prevent later exploitation****



How to Use It

- Access the YST from your phone, tablet, or computer
- Answer 32 questions using your clinical judgement
- Consult with your AHT supervisor on the results

The YST was developed by the Teen Relationships Lab at York University in partnership with Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions and York Region Children's Aid Society

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