

Digital Exploitation & Threat Evaluation for Child Trafficking (D.E.T.E.C.T.)

Youth Name or ID #: _____

Indicators Identified:

Date of Birth: _____

☐ 0 – 2 ☐ 3 – 5 ☐ 6 – 8 ☐ 9+

Screening Date: _____

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Instructions: Mark one response (☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer) for each question below. These questions are designed to be asked in a calm, non-judgmental way. Many young people have experiences like these, and there are no right or wrong answers.

Practitioner Introduction Script (Read Aloud)

“These are the generic questions we ask of all the people we are working with because online situations can affect safety in ways that aren’t always obvious. You can skip any question, and you won’t get in trouble for your answers. My role is to help keep you safe, not to judge or report.”

Rapport & Early Vulnerability

Section 1 Score _____

1. Are there online spaces (games, apps, or platforms) where you feel more understood or supported than in real life? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer
2. Have you met anyone online who feels easier to talk to or who seems to understand you better than people in your offline life? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

Potential Grooming & Boundary Testing

Section 2 Score_____

3. Has anyone online ever asked you to keep your conversations, messages, or relationship private or a secret? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

4. Online relationships can sometimes become very intense. (If “Yes” is selected for any item below, mark the overall response as “Yes”) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

A. Has an online connection ever asked for your passwords:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

B. Tracked your location:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

C. Guilt-tripped you into blocking or stop talking to certain friends or family members:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

5. Has anyone you met online ever given you gifts, money, favors, or special attention that made you feel like you owed them something in return?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

Potential Sexual Exploitation & Coercion

Section 3 Score_____

6. Has anyone ever asked you for photos, videos, or messages that felt private, sexual, or uncomfortable? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

7. Is there anything happening online right now that makes you feel nervous, stressed, or worried about checking your phone or notifications? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

8. Do you or have you ever been asked to share, trade, or send pictures or videos in exchange for something of value (such as money, gifts, game items, favors, or access)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

9. Sometimes people online break our trust or try to force us into doing things. Has anyone online ever threatened to share your private information, photos, or secrets if you didn't do what they asked?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

Potential Financial Exploitation & Labor

Section 4 Score_____

10. Do you currently have your own Cash App, Venmo, or crypto wallet? (If “Yes” is selected for any item below, mark the overall response as “Yes”) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

A. Do you ever receive money from someone online: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

B. Do you send money to someone online: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

C. Have you ever split cost with someone online: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

D. Does the adult in your life know you have this payment app:
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

11. It’s common for people to team up to build an audience or manage online accounts is anyone else (If “Yes” is selected for any item below, mark the overall response as “Yes”):

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

a) Managing your social media: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

b) Managing your Gaming accounts: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

c) Taken a cut of the money or gifts you received online: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

12. There are many ways to earn money, game credits, or perks online today. Have you ever done tasks or work for someone online (like streaming, gaming, or promoting things) where they didn’t pay you what they promised, or asked you to lie about what you were doing?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

Practitioner Closing Script (Read Aloud)

Thank you so much for taking the time to go through these questions with me. I know some of them can feel a bit personal, weird, or awkward to talk about, but I really appreciate your time and honesty. I want to remind you that no matter what you answered or if you chose to skip some questions, you are not in trouble, and you haven’t done anything wrong. Staying safe online can be tricky, and things can get complicated fast.

Scoring Summary

Section	Identified Indicators (Count “Yes” Answers)
Section 1: Rapport & Early Vulnerability	_____ / 2
Section 2: Potential Grooming & Boundary Testing	_____ / 3
Section 3: Potential Sexual Exploitation & Coercion	_____ / 4
Section 4: Potential Financial Exploitation & Labor	_____ / 3
TOTAL INDICATORS IDENTIFIED:	_____ / 12

Score (Yes #)	Risk Level	Recommended Action
0 - 2	No Immediate Indicators	Continue Routine. Provide general online safety education and maintain regular check-ins.
3 - 5	Possible Risk	Educate & Inquire. Use gentle follow-up questions (“Can you tell me more”). Reinforce boundaries, safety tools, and trusted adult support.
6 - 8	Elevated Concern	Assess & Report. Potential grooming or exploitation. Conduct a detailed assessment. Follow agency protocols for supervision, documentation, and mandated reporting.
9 +	Priority Safety Alert	Immediate Intervention. Assess for active pressure, coercion, threats, or extortion (sextortion). Implement an immediate safety plan.

