

## Event History Calendar: Interactive

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### INTERVIEWER SCRIPT FOR CALENDAR

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*INTERVIEWER:* I am interested in the crimes that you may have experienced in the last 12 months, that is, since [MONTH 1-REFERENCE PERIOD START]. It might be difficult to remember things that happened as long as a year ago. Sometimes people find it helpful to think about a calendar to remember what happened and when it happened. Let's note some dates on the calendar that may help you remember things. For example, looking back 12 months ago, there was...

[INTERVIEWER: READ THE HOLIDAYS FROM MOST DISTANT TO MOST RECENT. FOR EXAMPLE, IN JUNE, START WITH FOURTH OF JULY AND END WITH MEMORIAL DAY IN MAY. ]

...New Year's Day in January, St. Patrick's Day in March, Memorial Day in May, the Fourth of July, Labor Day in September, and Thanksgiving in November.

Now let's put some things that are specific to you on the calendar. What are some the things that happened to you this past year, that is, since [MONTH 1-REFERENCE PERIOD START]. While you tell me about the things that happened this past year, I am going to take notes on a calendar.

RECORD RESPONDENT'S EVENTS ON CALENDAR. READ IF NECESSARY:

Are there dates for things that happened since last [MONTH 1-REFERENCE PERIOD START] that we can note on the calendar? It does not have to be an unusual or important event, just anything that you remember that happened since [MONTH 1-REFERENCE PERIOD START].

IF THE RESPONDENT DOES NOT RECALL ANY EVENTS, ASK MORE POINTED QUESTIONS:

Did you or anyone in your family:

- Go on vacation or to a family event?
- Change jobs, get a promotion?
- Move to a different house or apartment?
  
- Was there a wedding, birth or death in the family?

MARK THE EVENT ON THE CALENDAR. ATTEMPT TO GET AT LEAST ONE EVENT (HOLIDAY OR PERSONAL) FOR EACH QUARTER OF THE CALENDAR. ALSO, ATTEMPT TO GET AN EVENT THAT MARKS THE 12-MONTH BOUNDARY (MONTH 1).

**For 12-month boundary:**

*INTERVIEWER:* We are most interested in things that happened since [MONTH 1-REFERENCE PERIOD START]. Can you think of any events in your life from [MONTH 1] of last year?

IF RESPONDENT IS NOT ABLE TO PLACE OTHER PERSONAL EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR, ASK RESPONDENT QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE THEY LIVED, WORKED, AND WENT TO SCHOOL IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

Where are you living now? [MONTH 1-REFERENCE PERIOD START]? [NOTE ADDRESS ON CALENDAR.]

How long have you lived there?

Did you move in the last 12 months, since [MONTH 1-REFERENCE PERIOD START]? [RECORD ANY OTHER ADDRESSES ON CALENDAR.]

Do you work or attend school? Where are you working/attending school now? How long have you worked there/attended that school? [RECORD JOBS AND SCHOOLS ON CALENDAR.]  
Did you work at any other jobs or attend other schools in the last 12 months, since [MONTH 1-REFERENCE PERIOD START]?

**AFTER COMPLETING THE CALENDAR, READ:**

Now I am going to ask you about the crimes that you may have experienced in the past 12 months, since [MONTH 1] of last year.

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SCREENER QUESTION #1

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Variable: **SQTHEFT**

I'm going to read some examples that will give you an idea of the kinds of crimes this study covers. As I go through them, tell me if any of these happened to **you** in the last 12 months, that is, since (\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_) (**REFERENCE PERIOD START**).

Was something belonging to **YOU** stolen, such as-

- Things that you carry, like luggage, a wallet, purse, briefcase, book
- Clothing, jewelry, or cellphone
- Bicycle or sports equipment
- Things in your home like a TV, stereo or tools
- **Things outside your home such as a garden hose or lawn furniture**
- **Things belonging to children in the household**
- Things from a vehicle such as a package, groceries, camera or CDs

**OR**

- Did anyone **ATTEMPT** to steal anything belonging to **you**?

**ASK ONLY IF NECESSARY:** Did any incidents of this type happen to **you**?

1. Yes
2. No

Variable: **SQTHEFTTIMES**

How many times?

Variable: **SQTHEFTSPEC**

What happened? (*Describe all incidents for this screener below*)

When did this happen?

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SCREENER QUESTION #2

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Variable: **SQBREAKIN**

**(OTHER THAN ANY INCIDENTS ALREADY MENTIONED,) has anyone --**

- Broken in or ATTEMPTED to break into **your** home by forcing a door or window, pushing past someone, jimmying a lock, cutting a screen, or entering through an open door or window?
- Has anyone illegally gotten in or tried to get into a garage, shed or storage room?  
OR
- Illegally gotten in or tried to get into a hotel or motel room or vacation home where **you** were staying?

**ASK ONLY IF NECESSARY:** Did any incidents of this type happen to **you**?

1. Yes
2. No

Variable: **SQBREAKINTIMES**

How many times?

Variable: **SQBREAKINSPEC**

What happened? *(Describe all incidents for this screener below)*

When did this happen?

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**SCREENER QUESTION #3**

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Variable: **SQTOTALVEHICLES**

What was the TOTAL number of cars, vans, trucks, motorcycles, or other motor vehicles owned by **you** or any other member of **this** household during the last 12 months? Include those **you** no longer **own**.

**INTERVIEWER: IF GREATER THAN 4, ENTER 4.**

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**SCREENER QUESTION #4**

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Variable: **SQMVTHEFT**

During the last 12 months, (**OTHER THAN ANY INCIDENT ALREADY MENTIONED,**)  
(**was the vehicle/were any of the vehicles**) -

- Stolen or used without permission?
- Did anyone steal any parts such as a tire, car stereo, hubcap or battery?
- Did anyone steal any gas from (**it/them**)?  
OR
- Did anyone **ATTEMPT** to steal any vehicle or parts attached to (**it/them**)?

**ASK ONLY IF NECESSARY:** Did any incidents of this type happen to **you**?

1. Yes
2. No

Variable: **SQMVTHEFTTIMES**

How many times?

Variable: **SQMVTHEFTSPEC**

What happened? (*Describe all incidents for this screener below*)

When did this happen?

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SCREENER QUESTION #5

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Variable: **SQATTACKWHERE**

**(OTHER THAN ANY INCIDENTS ALREADY MENTIONED,) since \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_,**  
**were you attacked or threatened OR did you have something stolen from you --**

- At home, including the porch or yard
  - At or near a friend's relative's or neighbor's home
  - At work or school
  - In places such as a storage shed or laundry room, a shopping mall, restaurant, bank or airport
  - While riding in any vehicle
  - On the street or in a parking lot
  - At such places as a party, theater, gym, picnic area, bowling lanes, or while fishing or hunting
- OR
- Did anyone ATTEMPT to attack or ATTEMPT to steal anything belong to **you** from any of these places?

**ASK ONLY IF NECESSARY:** Did any incidents of this type happen to **you**?

1. Yes
2. No

Variable: **SQATTACKWHERE TIMES**

How many times?

Variable: **SQATTACKWHERE SPEC**

What happened? *(Describe all incidents for this screener below)*

When did this happen?

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SCREENER QUESTION #6

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Variable: **SQATTACKHOW**

**(OTHER THAN ANY INCIDENTS ALREADY MENTIONED,) has anyone attacked or threatened you** in any of these ways?

(Exclude telephone threats).

- With any weapon, for instance, a gun or knife
- With anything like a baseball bat, frying pan, scissors, or stick
- By something thrown, such as a rock or bottle
- Include any grabbing, punching, or choking
- Any rape, attempted rape, or other type of sexual attack
- Any face to face threats

OR

- Any attack or threat or use of force by anyone at all? Please mention it even if you are not certain it was a crime.

**ASK IF NECESSARY:** Did any incidents of this type happen to **you**?

1. Yes
2. No

Variable: **SQATTACKHOWTIMES**

How many times?

Variable: **SQATTACKHOWSPEC**

What happened? (*Describe all incidents for this screener below*)

When did this happen?

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SCREENER QUESTION #7

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Variable: **SQTHEFTATTACKKNOWNOFF**

People often don't think of incidents committed by someone they know. **(OTHER THAN ANY INCIDENTS ALREADY MENTIONED,)** **did you** have something stolen from **you or were you** attacked or threatened by –  
(Exclude telephone threats)

- Someone at work or school
- A neighbor or friend
- A relative or family member
- Any other person **you've** met or known?

**ASK IF NECESSARY:** Did any incidents of this type happen to **you**?

1. Yes
2. No

Variable: **SQTHEFTATTACKKNOWNOFFTIMES**

How many times?

Variable: **SQTHEFTATTACKKNOWNOFFSPEC**

What happened? *(Describe all incidents for this screener below)*

When did this happen?

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SCREENER QUESTION #8

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Variable: **SQSEXUAL**

Incidents involving forced or unwanted sexual acts are often difficult to talk about. (**OTHER THAN ANY INCIDENTS ALREADY MENTIONED,**) **have you** been forced or coerced to engage in unwanted sexual activity by --

- Someone **you** didn't know
  - A casual acquaintance
- OR
- Someone **you know** well?

**ASK IF NECESSARY:** Did any incidents of this type happen to **you**?

1. Yes
2. No

Variable: **SQSEXUALTIMES**

How many times?

Variable: **SQSEXUALSPEC**

What happened? (*Describe all incidents for this screener below*)

When did this happen?

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SCREENER QUESTION #9

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Variable: **SQCALLPOLICECRIME**

During the last 12 months, **(OTHER THAN ANY INCIDENTS ALREADY MENTIONED,)** did **you** call the police to report something that happened to **you** which **you** thought was a crime?

1. Yes
2. No

Variable: **SQCALLPOLICESPEC**

What happened? *(Describe all incidents for this screener below.)*

Variable: **SQCALLPOLICEATTACKTHREAT**

IF RESPONDENT IS NOT SURE, ASK: **Were you (WAS THE RESPONDENT)** attacked or threatened, or was something stolen or an attempt made to steal something that belonged to **you (THE RESPONDENT)** or another household member?

1. Yes
2. No

Variable: **SQCALLPOLICEATTACKTHREATTIMES**

How many times?

When did this happen?

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SCREENER QUESTION #10

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Variable: **SQNOCALLPOLICECRIME**

During the last 12 months, **(OTHER THAN ANY INCIDENTS ALREADY MENTIONED,)** did anything which **you** thought was a crime happen to **you**, but **you** did NOT report it to the police?

1. Yes
2. No

Variable: **SQNOCALLPOLICESPEC**

What happened? *(Describe all incidents for this screener below.)*

Variable: **SQNOCALLPOLICEATTACKTHREAT**

IF RESPONDENT IS NOT SURE, ASK: **Were you (WAS THE RESPONDENT)** attacked or threatened, or was something stolen or an attempt made to steal something that belonged to **you (THE RESPONDENT)** or another household member?

1. Yes
2. No

Variable: **SQNOCALLPOLICEATTACKTHREATTIMES**

How many times?

When did this happen?

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