

# ACE ADULT SURVEY

Interviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Start time \_\_\_\_\_ End time \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Person's role (e.g., visitor, responder, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **GENERAL SURVEY MODULE A: LOCATION/EXPOSURE**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ [Name] \_\_\_\_\_. I am with  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Agency] \_\_\_\_\_, and we are assisting the Virgin Islands  
Department of Health.

We are contacting you because in \_\_\_\_\_ [Insert month/year] \_\_\_\_\_, it is  
possible you may have been exposed to a chemical on St. John Island in the U.S.  
Virgin Islands.

We were provided your contact information by \_\_\_\_\_ [insert source] \_\_\_\_\_.

The name of the chemical is methyl bromide, which is used in some pesticides.

We are investigating indoor spraying of this chemical at \_\_\_\_\_ [location] \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_ [date] \_\_\_\_\_. From now, I will refer to that exposure as "the  
incident".

We would like to speak with you about any potential exposures or health effects you  
may have had to better understand how you may have been affected.

Do you have time to talk now, or would there be a better time?

[Proceed depending upon response.]

[Administer full consent form here.]

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I would like to begin by verifying the date and location of the potential exposure.

A1. Were you in \_\_\_\_\_ [specific zone which will be considered exposure zone] \_\_\_\_\_ at any time between [Start Date/Time] and [End Date/Time]?

Yes

No → Say to the respondent: Thank you for your time. You did not have a potential exposure to the chemical.

Record the end time and do not ask any further questions. This person is not eligible for the survey.

A2. I would like to know how long you were in the area where you might have been exposed between [Start Date] at [Time] and [End Date/Time]. Record the following answers in the table provided. Fill out the table for one location before continuing on to the next location.

	Location 1:	Location 2:	Location 3:
a. Where were you when you were (first/next) in the area? <u>Probe for as much location information as possible (need to include building number, floor number, unit number, etc.) Need to be as specific as possible for location and movement in the vicinity (for example, first inside the unit, the in the hallway, then outside the building, etc.). Then, continue to b. Do not ask about all locations first. Collect all information about one location before continuing to the next.</u>			
b. How long were you in this location? <u>Record whether in minutes or hours.</u>			
c. Were you inside or outside while you were there? <u>If outside, skip questions d, e, and f.</u>	In Out	In Out	In Out
d. <u>If inside, were there any open windows while you were there?</u>	Yes No Unsure	Yes No Unsure	Yes No Unsure
e. <u>If inside, was there any ventilation, such as an air conditioner running, while you were there?</u>	Yes No Unsure	Yes No Unsure	Yes No Unsure
g. Did you smell an odor? <u>If no or unsure skip questions h and i.</u>	Yes No Unsure	Yes No Unsure	Yes No Unsure

	Location 1:	Location 2:	Location 3:
h. Can you please describe the odor?			
i. Would you describe the odor as light, moderate or severe?	Light Moderate Severe	Light Moderate Severe	Light Moderate Severe

A3. Did you leave the area because of any specific health concerns?

- Yes  
 No

Ask questions A11 to A14 only to pesticide sprayers. Skip to A8 if not a pesticide sprayer.

A11. Have you used pesticides with methyl bromide in the past?

- Yes  
 No → Go to question A15.

A12. How long have you been using pesticides with methyl bromide?

\_\_\_\_\_ months

A13. How frequently do you use pesticides with methyl bromide?

- Once every few days  
 Once or twice per month  
 Once every few months  
 Less than once every few months

A14. When spraying pesticides with methyl bromide, do you routinely use any personal protective equipment (PPE)? If yes, what kind of PPE do you use?

\_\_\_\_\_

Ask question A15 only to first responders. Otherwise skip question A15, and go to question A.

A15. When you came into the exposure area when you responded, were you using any personal protective equipment (PPE)? If yes, what kind of PPE did you use?

\_\_\_\_\_

A11. Were you decontaminated, meaning your clothing was removed or your body was washed?

- Yes
- No

A6. Is there any additional information that you think we should know about your exposure?

- Yes → Record the information on the lines provided below
- No

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL SURVEY MODULE B: HEALTH STATUS**

Now I would like to ask you some questions about any symptoms you may have experienced after the incident.

B1. Within 48 hours of having been [in the area where they stated they had been], did you have any symptoms of an illness?

- Yes
- No → Go to next module

B2. I'm going to ask you some questions about symptoms that could be related to the methyl bromide that was released. Fill out the table provided below. Repeat B2 for one symptom and check the boxes that apply before asking about the next symptom.

Symptom	i. Did you experience [Symptom] within 48 hours of the incident? <u>If yes, go to ii. If no, repeat i for next symptom.</u>		ii. Were you experiencing [Symptom] before the incident? <u>If yes, go to iii. If no, go to iv.</u>		iii. Was your [Symptom] worse after the incident? <u>Continue to iv (if listed); otherwise, repeat i for next symptom.</u>		iv. Are you still experiencing [Symptom]? <u>Repeat i for next symptom.</u>	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Headache								
Dizziness or lightheadedness								
Loss of consciousness/fainting								
Seizures								
Numbness, pins and needles, or funny feeling in arms or legs								
Confusion								
Fever								
Difficulty breathing/feeling out-of-breath								
Coughing								
Vomiting								
Irritation, pain, or burning of skin								
Fatigue/tiredness								
Teeth itching								
Any other symptoms? <u>If yes, What was it? Record below.</u>								
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								

**GENERAL SURVEY MODULE D: MEDICAL CARE**

D1. Did you receive medical care or a medical evaluation within 1 month of [specified time of exposure]?

- Yes → **Go to Question D3**
- No

**Skip D2 if respondent did not have new or worsening symptoms.**

D2. Was there any reason you did not seek medical care?

- Symptoms were not bad enough
- Don't like to go to the doctor
- Didn't want to take time
- Worried about who would pay for the medical visit
- Worried about losing job
- Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Unsure

**For those individuals who did not seek medical care, go to the next module.**

D3. Were you provided with care by an EMT or paramedic?

- Yes
- No → **Go to Question D5**

D4. On what date were you provided care by an EMT or paramedic?

\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
MM      DD      YYYY

D5. Were you provided with care at a hospital?

- Yes
- No → **Go to Question D15**

D6. On what date were you first provided care at a hospital? If you had any additional visits to the hospital, please provide me the dates of those visits. Record the date that the respondent first went to the hospital and then the date of any subsequent visits.

1<sup>st</sup> date of hospital visit: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY

2<sup>nd</sup> date of hospital visit: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY

3<sup>rd</sup> date of hospital visit: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY

D7. What is the name of the hospital(s)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

D8. How did you get to the hospital? If the respondent had more than one hospital visit, tell them that you are referring to their first visit.

- EMS/Ambulance
- Water ambulance
- Drove self
- Driven by relative, friend, or acquaintance
- Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

D9. Were you treated only in the emergency department or were you admitted to the hospital?

- Treated in emergency department (Outpatient) → Go to Question D15
- Admitted (Hospitalized)

D10. How many nights were you hospitalized, including any nights in an intensive care unit (ICU)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Nights

D11. Were you placed in an Intensive Care Unit or ICU?

- Yes
- No → Go to Question D15

D12. How many nights were you in the ICU?

\_\_\_\_\_ Nights

D13. Were you on a ventilator?

Yes

No → [Go to Question D15](#)

D14. How many nights were you on a ventilator?

\_\_\_\_\_ Nights

D15. Besides at a hospital or by an EMT or paramedic, were you seen by a doctor or other medical professional in any location?

Yes

No → [Go to Question D17](#)

D16. Read i-iv to the respondent and record information in the table below.

i. On what dates were you provided care by a doctor or other medical professional? (mm/dd/yyyy)	ii. What is the name of the doctor or other medical professional?	iii. What service did this doctor or medical professional provide?	iv. What is the address of the office?

D17. Were you prescribed any new medicines when you were examined after the potential exposure?

Yes

No → [Skip Question D18](#)

D18. What is the name of the medicine or medicines you were prescribed? If respondent does not know the name of the medication, ask: What is the medicine for?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



If aged 13-17, read: We will be doing medical chart reviews and will be asking your parent or guardian for permission to review your medical record for the visit related to the incident. Continue to next module.

If aged 18 or older, go to Question D20.

D20. If aged 18 or older, read: To understand the situation more fully, we try to study medical emergency response as thoroughly as possible. Are you willing to let us get a copy of your medical records for the medical treatment you received because of this exposure?

- Yes → Review the medical records release form with the respondent and collect their signature
- No

**GENERAL SURVEY MODULE F: MEDICAL HISTORY**

Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about illnesses you may have had and the kinds of medicines you may have used.

- F1. Prior to the incident, have you ever been told by a doctor or other health care provider that you have or had any of the following medical conditions? Fill out the table below. Circle appropriate response and ask the respondent to specify as directed.

Medical Condition	
b. Asthma?	Yes No Unsure
e. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or emphysema?	Yes No Unsure
f. Heart Disease?	Yes No Unsure
k. Neurological conditions such as Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, or others?	Yes No Unsure
o. Skin conditions, such as eczema, psoriasis, or others?	Yes No Unsure
l. Any other medical conditions?	Yes (Please specify) _____ No Unsure

- F4. Do you currently smoke cigarettes, cigars, or pipes?

Yes → Go to instruction box before Question F5  
 No

F5. Have you smoked regularly in the past?

Yes

No → Go to instruction box before Question F7

F6. When did you last quit? Was it...Read all choices to the respondent.

Less than one year ago

1-2 years ago

3-4 years ago

5 or more years ago

If respondent is male, go to next module

F7. Were you pregnant at the time of the potential exposure?

Yes

No

Don't Know

F8. Were you breastfeeding?

Yes

No

F9. If you were pregnant at the time of the exposure, and have since delivered, did your child have any health problems at birth?

Yes (If yes, please specify details \_\_\_\_\_)

No

**GENERAL SURVEY MODULE J: EXPOSURE OF OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT**

J1. Were there any other individuals present with you while you were in or near the affected area?

Yes

No →

J2. In order to accurately evaluate the impact of the incident, we are trying to interview as many people who were in the area as possible. Fill in the following table with the information given for Question J2 a-c.

- a. Can you tell me the names of everyone else who was present with you?
- b. Which are children, and what are their ages?
- c. Can you tell me the phone number and e-mail address of the people who do not live with you?

Name	Age (if child)	Phone	E-mail

**GENERAL SURVEY MODULE K: PETS**

K1. Did you have any pets or assistance animals that were in area during the potential exposure?

Yes

No →

K2. How many of your pets or assistance animals were with you?

\_\_\_\_\_ Pets/Assistance animals

We will ask further questions about your pet(s) or assistance animal(s) later in the survey.

**GENERAL SURVEY MODULE L: DEMOGRAPHIC AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

Now, I have some general questions about you.

- L1. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?  
 Yes  
 No
- L2. What race do you consider yourself to be?  
Check all that apply:  
 Black or African American  
 White  
 Asian  
 American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- L3. What is the highest level of education you completed?  
 Grade 8 or less  
 Some high school  
 High school graduate or equivalent  
 Some university/college  
 Technical or trade school  
 Junior or community college  
 University/college graduate  
 Graduate school or higher
- L4. If necessary, ask. Otherwise, check appropriate box. Are you male or female?  
 Male  
 Female
- L5. What is your date of birth?  
 \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 MM    DD    YYYY
- L6. What is your current address?  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_ \_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- L7. What is the best telephone number to reach you? Please specify if this is a cellular phone, house phone, or work phone.  
 ( \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell  
 House  
 Work

- L8. Are there any more telephone numbers where you can be reached?  
If yes, collect all other numbers and specify whether cell, house, or work number.

( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

- Cell  
 House  
 Work

( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

- Cell  
 House  
 Work

- L9. Do you have an email address where you can be reached?

- Yes  
 No →

What is your email address?

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- L11. We wanted to confirm how to spell your name. Can you please verify that for us now? (record on first page—correct if necessary)

**GENERAL SURVEY MODULE N: CONCLUSION STATEMENTS**

N1. Is there anything else you want to tell us related to this exposure?

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N2. If Exposure of Other People Present Module did not identify children under the age of 13 that were present, go to Question N3. If children under the age of 13 were identified, read: I would now like to ask you some questions regarding any children you have under the age of 13 that were with you when you were potentially exposed.

Refer to Module J to recall child's name and then go to the Child Survey Section

N3. If the Pets Module did not identify that the respondent had a pet or assistance animal in the affected area during the incident, go to the "Closing Statement." If pets or assistance animals were identified, read: I would now like to ask you some questions regarding any pets or assistance animals you have that were in the affected area.

Go to the Pet Survey Section

**Closing Statement:**

That completes this survey. I would like to sincerely thank you for your time. Be sure to record the end time on the first page of this survey.