

# Structured Trauma-Related Experiences and Symptoms Screener (STRESS)

Adult Self-Report

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RECORD ID \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX  Male  Female

RACE  White/Caucasian  Black/African American  Asian  American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

ETHNICITY  Hispanic/Latino  Non-Hispanic/Latino

## PART 1 TRAUMA-RELATED EXPERIENCES

**INSTRUCTIONS** We are going to go through a list of very stressful or traumatic things that sometimes happen to people. Choose YES if the thing happened to you or NO if it has not happened to you. For each 'YES' response, follow the instructions to indicate about when the stressful or traumatic thing happened or started happening.

1. Have you ever been in a really bad storm or disaster, like a flood, earthquake, or hurricane?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

2. Have you been in an actual war or combat zone?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

3. Has a partner or spouse ever been in an actual war or combat zone?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

4. Have you ever been in a serious fire or lost your home in a fire?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

5. Have you ever been in a really bad accident?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

6. Have you ever had to stay in the hospital because you were really sick or badly injured?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

7. Has anyone in your family (excluding your child) ever had to stay in the hospital because he/she was really sick or badly injured?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

8. Have you lost a partner or spouse to death?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

9. Have you ever seen or heard people in your neighborhood get badly hurt or killed?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

10. Has anyone outside your family ever beaten you up or hit, punched, shoved, or kicked you?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

11. Has anyone outside your family ever made you think he or she might hurt or kill you?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

12. Has anyone outside your family ever made you think he or she might hurt or kill someone you love?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

13. Has anyone outside your family ever forced you to have sex or engage in sexual behavior?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

14. Has a partner or spouse ever beaten you up or hit, punched, shoved, or kicked you?  NO  YES, PAST YEAR  YES, 1+ YEARS AGO

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33. Have you ever had to stay in the hospital because you were really sick or badly injured?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

34. Has anyone in your family ever had to stay in the hospital because he or she was really sick or badly injured?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

35. Have you lost a parent or sibling to death?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

36. Did you know so much about how someone you loved died that you could picture it in your head?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

37. Have you ever seen or heard people in your neighborhood get badly hurt or killed?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

38. Has anyone outside your family ever beaten you up or hit, punched, shoved, or kicked you?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

39. Has anyone outside your family ever made you think he or she might hurt or kill you?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

40. Has anyone outside your family ever made you think he or she might hurt or kill someone you love?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

41. Has anyone outside your family ever forced you to have sex or engage in sexual behavior?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

42. Has a parent ever beaten you up or hit, punched, shoved, or kicked you?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

43. Has a parent ever made you think he or she might badly hurt or kill you?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

44. Has a parent ever made you think he or she might hurt or kill someone you love?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

45. Has a parent ever forced you to have sex or engage in sexual behavior?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

46. Has anyone else in your home or family ever beaten you up or hit, punched, shoved, or kicked you?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

47. Has anyone else in your home or family ever made you think he or she might hurt or kill someone you love?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

48. Has anyone else in your home or family ever forced you to have sex or engage in sexual behavior?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

49. Did you ever see or hear adults in your home beat each other up or hit, punch, shove, or kick each other?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

50. Were you separated from a parent or someone you depended on for love or safety for an extended period of time?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

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51. Was a parent ever arrested or put in jail?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

52. Did anything else really stressful or traumatic happen during your childhood?  NO  YES About how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_  
Specify [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

***If you said YES to any of the above questions, continue to PART 2 below***

## PART 2 SYMPTOMS & IMPAIRMENT

The next questions ask about problems some people have after very stressful or traumatic things happen to them. Please think about a very stressful or traumatic experience or experiences from the questions you just answered. Then answer these questions about how you have been thinking, feeling, or acting during a typical week of the past month.

53 (B1). How often did disturbing or unwanted thoughts or memories about what happened pop up into your mind?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

54 (B5). When something reminded you about what happened, how often did it make your body feel tense, sweaty, or sick or you stomach or head hurt?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

55 (D1). In a typical week, how often was it hard to remember important parts of what happened?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

56 (D5). How often were you bored or just not interested in doing things you usually like to do?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

57 (E3). In a typical week, how often did you feel on edge, watchful, or on guard, just in case something bad might happen?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

58 (B2). How often did you have bad dreams or nightmares?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

59 (C1). How often did you try to keep your body from feeling ways that reminded you of what happened?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

60 (D2a). How often did you think that you are a bad person or that something is terribly wrong about you?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

61 (D2b). How often did you think the world is a bad or very dangerous place, or that people can't be trusted?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

62 (D6). In a typical week, how often did you feel lonely or emotionally distant and cut-off from other people?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

63 (E4). How often did you get really scared or upset when you heard or saw something you were not expecting to happen?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

64 (B3a). How often did memories about what happened make you lose track of time or forget where you were?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

65 (B3b). How often did you feel like the extremely upsetting experience was happening now or like you were reliving it right now?  NONE  1 DAY  2-3 DAYS  MOST DAYS

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66 (D3a). In a typical week, how often did you think that a part of what happened was your fault or guilty that you were to blame for what happened?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS
67 (D3b). In a typical week, how often did you think that a part of what happened was somebody else's fault and that they were to blame for what happened?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS
68 (E1). How often did you feel really irritable or angry, or blow up and become really aggressive?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS
69 (E5). How often did you feel like you could not focus or concentrate your mind when you were trying to pay attention?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS
70 (B4). How often did you get really upset when you saw, heard, or felt something like what happened?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS
71 (C2). How often did you try to avoid or get away from people, places, activities, or situations that reminded you of what happened?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS
72 (D4). How often did you feel really scared, sad, or guilty for most of the day?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS
73 (E2). How often did you do things that you or other people think are dangerous or not safe?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS
74 (E6). In a typical week, how often did you wake up in the middle of the night and have trouble falling back to sleep?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS
75 (D7). How often was it hard for you to feel happiness or love?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS
76 (DS1). How often did it feel like you didn't know yourself or your own body, like you were seeing a stranger when you looked in the mirror?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS
77 (DS2). How often did you feel like people or places around you seemed totally strange, like you were in a dream even though you were awake?	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> MOST DAYS

## Since the stressful or traumatic thing or things happened, is it harder to...

78. Spend time with friends and family	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
79. Get along with co-workers or colleagues	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
80. Do household tasks and run errands	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
81. Get along with people you live with	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
82. Get your tasks done at work or school	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
83. Be a good parent for your child(ren) (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES

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## YOU ARE FINISHED

### SCORING - ADMINISTRATORS ONLY

$\geq 1$  Adulthood Event (YES on items 1-27)      $\geq 1$  Childhood Event (YES on items 28-52)

**PTSD Symptom Severity** (Sum items 53-77 with None = 0, 1 Day = 1, 2-3 Days = 2, Most Days = 3.

**NOTE.** For evaluating criteria, count whichever score is higher for the sets of items in brackets below.

**Intrusion Symptom Criterion B Met:**  $\geq 1$  of the following items with scores of  $\geq 2$  - 53 (B1), 54 (B5), 58 (B2), [64 (B3a) -or- 65 (B3b)] 70 (B4)

**Avoidance Symptom Criterion C Met:**  $\geq 1$  of the following items with scores  $\geq 2$  - items 59 (C1), 71 (C2)

**Negative Changes in Mood & Cognitions Criterion D Met:**  $\geq 2$  of the following items with scores  $\geq 2$  - items 55 (D1), 56 (D5), [60 (D2a) -or- 61 (D2b)] 62 (D6), [66 (D3a) -or- 67 (D3b)] 72 (D4), 75 (D7)

**Alterations in Arousal & Reactivity Criterion E Met:** ( $\geq 2$  of the following items with scores  $\geq 2$  - items 57 (E3), 63 (E4), 68 (E1), 69 (E5), 73 (E2), 74 (E6)

**Evidence of functional Impairment:**  $\geq 1$  of the following items: 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83

**Evidence of Dissociative Symptoms:** item 76 (DS1) or 77 (DS2) with score of  $\geq 2$

**Full PTSD Likely** (Symptom Criteria B, C, D, and E met)    OR     **Partial PTSD Likely** ( $\geq 1$  Symptom Criteria met)

### NOTES: