

FASD SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

OFFENSE CONDUCT

- Illogical actions with high detection risk
- “Simple” plan (focus is only on the objective)
- No real exit strategy
- Impulsive and aggressive over-reaction to unforeseen events (“fight or flight”)
- More sophisticated/experienced co-defendants

ARREST CONDUCT

- Immediately or easily waives rights
- Over-confesses (suggestible)
- Brags about prowess or takes full responsibility if co-defendants
- Emotionally detached from crime (shows little remorse or guilt)
- Behavioural regression (breaks down in tears, infantile behaviour)

INTERVIEW WITH CLIENT

- Short stature (not always)
- Unstable lifestyle
- Immature and naïve
- Eager to please or stubbornly resists the obvious
- Can't provide coherent, detailed narrative
- Can't concentrate
- Doesn't add much
- Doesn't seem to remember what you tell him/her from appointment to appointment

PRIOR LEGAL HISTORY

- Easily led by more sophisticated peers
- Multiple low-grade offenses in teen years, often with co-defendants
- Lots of stealing
- Illogical offenses (e.g., stealing something with little value)
- Oblivious to risk
- Impulsive, opportunistic crimes
- Probation violations

LIFE HISTORY

- Mom abuses alcohol/drugs
- Involvement with child welfare
- Adoption/foster or relative placements/juvenile commitment
- Special Education / learning disabilities in school
- Multiple diagnoses in childhood (especially ADD/ADHD)
- Rule-breaking behaviours (lies, cheats, steals, fights)
- Disrupted education
- Substance abuse
- Unstable adult lifestyle (improves with structure)