

Sample Assessment Questions – SHELTER

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- How soon do you need shelter?
- Do you need shelter **today**?
- Are you in need of shelter due to a domestic abuse situation? (See also: TIP SHEET – Domestic Violence; if appropriate: TIP SHEET – Engaging Police and EMS)

If “yes,” are you fleeing a current episode of domestic abuse?
 - *If it is a current domestic abuse situation refer to the local domestic violence hotline.*
- Do you need shelter due to labor or sex trafficking?
 - *If there is suspicion, use the Human trafficking screening in the Markers Tab or 211oh.org/staff page; refer as appropriate.*
- Is the shelter for yourself or you and others?
 - *If the caller shares household pets need to be considered, discuss pet diversion ideas, including placing with friends/family; taxonomies to explore: Animal Shelters, Directory/Resource List Publication * Animal/Pet Issues, Foster Care/Temporary Shelter for Animals*
- Where did you sleep last night?
- Are you willing to go to a shelter?
- Can you stay with friends or family until intake is open?

OR: Can you stay where you are until intake is open?
- Collect necessary demographics to refer as appropriate:
 - ZIP / city
 - Age
 - Gender Identity
 - Military / Veteran status