

10 FORBIDDEN JOB INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

There are many kinds of discrimination prohibited by the laws enforced by EEOC.

As a result, discrimination lawsuits related to job interviews and other hiring practices have cost companies millions of dollars in EEOC penalties and settlements. The first step to avoiding trouble is asking the right questions while avoiding the wrong ones. To keep your next interview professional and above reproach, use this guide to steer clear of questions for which your company could be found legally liable. Remember always that consistency between candidates is key to reducing any potential interview-related liabilities.

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Avoid these questions to steer clear of potential legal liability.

WHAT YEAR WERE YOU BORN?

Risk: Age discrimination

Possible alternative: Are you over 21?



WHAT'S YOUR ETHNICITY?

Risk: Ethnic discrimination

Possible alternative: Are you bilingual?





HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED?

Risk: Arrest/conviction record discrimination

Possible alternative: Do you understand that this position requires a clean driving record?



Risk: Disability discrimination

Possible alternative: Do you understand that this position requires physical abilities testing?



DO YOU NEED A BABYSITTER?

Risk: Family responsibilities discrimination

Possible alternative: Do you understand that this position requires working weekends?



ARE YOU SINGLE?

Risk: Sexual harassment

Possible alternative: Do you have any questions about our company's paid family leave?





WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Risk: National origin discrimination

Possible alternative: Are you eligible to work in the United States?

DO YOU OWN YOUR HOME OR RENT?



Risk: Ethnic discrimination

Possible alternative: Are you willing to relocate for this position?



Risk: Arrest/conviction discrimination

Possible alternative: Are you aware that this position requires a criminal background check?



ARE YOU RELIGIOUS?

Risk: Religious discrimination

Possible alternative: Do you understand that this position requires you to work on Sundays?



