

Career Obstacles/Liabilities

Every job seeker has obstacles for which they need to anticipate and prepare. What are yours? Review the following list and mark any that MAY apply to you. Remember, the issue is NOT whether YOU think it is a liability, the issue is whether the prospective employer might be concerned about the issue.

THEY ASK ABOUT:

- Age
- Unemployed
- Lack Experience
- Lack of Experience in Desired Industry
- Fired/Laid Off From Last Position
- Lack of Extra Curricular/Professional Affiliations
- Lack of Certification/Licensure
- Lack of Career Focus
- Have Held Too Many Jobs
- Degree Unrelated to Industry/Position
- Poor Grades
- Have a Felony Record
- Other _____

BUT THEY ARE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT:

- Do you lack maturity or professionalism?
- Perhaps you're not productive, effective, or you're lazy?
- It may take you too much time to get up to speed?
- Your learning curve may decrease productivity?
- You must not be able to get along with others?
- It may be all you can do just to go to school?
- Are you incompetent and unable to obtain it?
- You may have a hard time making decisions?
- You get easily dissatisfied and will leave?
- You don't know what you want?
- You haven't set any goals in life?
- You could be dangerous and have poor control?