



TIPS & TRICKS

Common Investigative Interview Pitfalls to Avoid



Aggressive, overly impersonal, monotone start (A cordial approach is typically a better platform to launch an interview)



Firing off a list of specific questions (Always include open ended questions, and be ready to ask new follow-up questions)



Listening to contradict (Practice active listening, listen to learn, and to uncover leads for follow-up questions)



Pre-judgement (Keep an open mind - the person's role is often not fully known at this point - innocent, witness, perpetrator, co-conspirator, or even an unknowing victim)



Providing information, leads, contradictions too early in the interview (Nail down all the facts before considering providing detail or questioning discrepancies)