

Checking for Potential Problems

Potential Problems is a built-in automatic checking function found only in the Deluxe Edition of the Legacy Family Tree genealogy program. It works by applying preset parameters to individual data entries or entries derived from your data entries.

Potential problems are indicated in various Legacy screen views with this icon: 

If you hover your cursor over the icon it will display a message describing the potential problem detected. Click on the icon to go to the Potential Problems List view to see the problems for each individual and to make corrections or change settings.

To find Help pages for Potential Problems:

Click Help tab on Ribbon bar > Help Index > type in “potential problems” > scroll down in the display box to “Potential Problems Report” and select that topic > click on Display button for help detail > click on Favorites tab > click on Add button to save this help page in Favorites for future reference.

This help section describes how to prepare a report for all potential problems identified within your entire family file in Legacy and to list potential changes for an individual. In setting up the report you can select options within several tabs for what kind of problems to include. There is a detailed explanation in the help pages for each tab and its contents displayed in the Potential Problems Report view. The tabs include Records, Warnings, Problems, Standardization and Gaps. (See the help pages for more detail.)

Click Help tab on Ribbon bar > Help Index > type in “potential problems” > click on Display button > in Topics Found box at bottom select “Potential Problems Options” > click on Display button for help detail > click on Favorites tab > click on Add button to save this help page in Favorites for future reference.

This help section provides a full description of all the potential problems Legacy check for automatically. It also provides the parameters used to identify something as a potential problem and which parameters can be changed. These changes work like custom settings you can apply within your own Legacy program to function in accordance with your own preferences.

You can also set Legacy to exclude certain items from potential problem checking on the Individual Information screen. For help on this:

Click Help tab on Ribbon bar > Help Index > type in “potential problems” > scroll down in the display box to “Exclude” and highlight that topic > in Topics Found box at bottom select “Exclude from Potential Problems Reporting” > click on Display button for help detail > click on Favorites tab > click on Add button to save this help page in Favorites for future reference.

See Tuesday's Tip sheet for this topic:

https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2020/03/tuesdays-tip-potential-problems-intermediate.html