

Human Trafficking Assessment Guideline

- If the patient is in immediate danger and is under the age of 18 (and not an emancipated minor), call 911
- If you suspect child abuse, disabled persons abuse, or elder abuse, follow mandated reporter law



Step 1: Red Flags Identified

- Healthcare worker identifies patient as a possible human trafficking victim.
- Speak Up: All personnel associated with care of the patient should be notified that the patient may be a trafficking victim.



Step 2: Treat Medical Concerns

- Healthcare provider separates patient from any visitors and conducts a comprehensive examination.
- Healthcare needs are addressed.



Step 3: Human trafficking Assessment

- Healthcare team determines who will conduct focused Human trafficking Assessment.
- If unsure of appropriate questions, utilize the "Human Trafficking Screening Questions" worksheet located within your unit.

Step 4A: Patient In Danger

- Patient responds "yes" to any screening questions.
- Proceed to Step 5.



Step 4B: Patient Not In Perceived Danger

- Patient responded "no" to all screening questions.
- Refer to social services as applicable.1-

Step 5: Medical Team Response (Age Based)

- Determine age of patient and proceed to step 6.

Step 6A: Patient 18 years old or older or an emancipated minor

- Ask for patient's permission to contact the Human trafficking Hotline.
- Follow Abuse and policy if applicable.
- Proceed to Step 7. Neglect

Step 6B: Patient is less than 18 years old

- Follow mandated reporting procedure
- Continue to ensure safety of patient until resolution is reached.

Step 7A: Patient Gives Permission

- Call the Human Trafficking Hotline at **1-888-373-7888**
- Continue to ensure the safety of patient Until resolution is reached.

Step 7B: Patient Declines

- Provide patient information on how they can receive help. Know where information is in your unit.
- Offer to make a follow-up appointment.