CONNECTICUT IS A MANDATED REPORTER OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING*

**National Policies**

Federal law does currently mandate reporting by healthcare providers of suspected human trafficking of patients **UNDER 18** (as child abuse per Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act); no mandated reporting for 18 and over.

**Sex trafficking**: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act that is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age

**Labor trafficking**: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery

Remember to consult with your patients about your concerns using trauma-informed care and respect patients’ autonomy.

Doctors, nurses, and social workers are mandatory reporters of all violations of human rights. Providers must get patient permission to report or call if 18+; it is a violation of privacy rights to report without consent.

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**Under 18**: Connecticut does mandate immediate (<12 hours) reporting by all healthcare providers to the Commissioner of Children and Families (or designee) or local law enforcement. The report shall contain (if known): (1) names/addresses of child & his/her guardians; (2) age of child; (3) gender of child; (4) nature/extent of the injuries, maltreatment or neglect; (5) approximate date/time these occurred; (6) information about previous injury or injuries to, or maltreatment or neglect of, the child or his/her siblings; (7) the circumstances in which the injuries or neglect came to be known to the reporter; (8) the name of the person or persons suspected to be responsible for causing such injuries; (9) the reasons such person or persons are suspected of causing harm; (10) any information concerning any prior cases in which such person or persons have been suspected of causing harm of a child; and (11) whatever action, if any, was taken to treat, provide shelter or otherwise assist the child

**18 and over**: Connecticut does not mandate reporting of trafficking of adults unless patient is a vulnerable adult protected under APS (call 1- 888-385-4225 within 24hrs). All other reporting should only be done with either patient consent or per HIPPA Privacy Rule regulations, if concern for imminent harm.