MINNESOTA 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.

*State Policies*

**Under 18:**
Minnesota *does mandate immediate reporting* by all healthcare providers within 24 hours to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, police department, county sheriff, tribal social services agency, or tribal police department any knowledge of or reasonable belief that a child is being maltreated within the preceding 3 years. A written report is required within 72 hours.

**18 and over:**
Minnesota *does not mandate reporting* of trafficking of adults unless patient is a vulnerable adult protected under APS (call 1-844-880-1574). All other reporting should only be done with either patient consent or per HIPPA Privacy Rule regulations, if concern for imminent harm.

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