Human Trafficking Reporting Policies for Oregon

OREGON 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:**
Oregon does require child reporting by all healthcare providers to the local office of the Department of Human Services or a designee thereof.

The report must contain “(i) the names and addresses of the child and the child’s parents or persons having custody of the child, if known; (ii) the child’s age; (iii) the nature and extent of the abuse, including any evidence of previous abuse; (iv) the explanation for the abuse; (v) any other information the reporter believes might be helpful.” The report must also be made to “the local office of the Department of Human Services or a designee thereof; a law enforcement agency in the county where the person is located.”

**18 and over:**
Oregon does not require reporting of trafficking of adults unless patient is a vulnerable adult protected under APS (call 855-503-7233). 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.

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.