

Human Trafficking Reporting Policies for Kentucky



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KENTUCKY 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.



National Human Trafficking Hotline



Scan For: The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 and Jones Day: Human Trafficking and Health Care Providers: Legal Requirements for Reporting and Education

*State Policies

Under 18:

Kentucky **does mandate immediate reporting** (oral or written) by all healthcare providers to local law enforcement, Department of Kentucky State Police, the Cabinet (or designee), or the Commonwealth or County attorney.

18 and over:

Kentucky **does mandate reporting** (oral or written) by all healthcare providers to the Cabinet of **vulnerable adults** unable to manage their own resources, carry out activities of daily living, or protect themselves from neglect, exploitation, or a hazardous/abusive situation without assistance from others due to mental or physical dysfunction in any case in which there is reasonable cause to suspect abuse, neglect, or exploitation (call 1-877-597-2331). All other reporting should only be done with either patient consent or per HIPPA Privacy Rule regulations, if concern for imminent harm.