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PHYSICIANS AGAINST THE TRAFFICKING OF HUMANS

Human Trafficking Reporting Policies for Rhode Island

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RHODE ISLAND 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:
Rhode Island **does mandate reporting** by all healthcare providers to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families **within 24 hours** in any case in which the healthcare professional has knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe that abuse or neglect has occurred.
Hotline: 1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453)

18 and over:
Rhode Island **does mandate reporting** to the Director of the Department of Health (or their designee) **within 24 hours or by the end of the next business day** in any case in which the healthcare professional has knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe that abuse or neglect has occurred. Any person required to make a report and who fails to do so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine of not more $500.