

DELAWARE HEALTH CARE HUMAN TRAFFICKING FRAMEWORK

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Guidance for All Healthcare Providers *page 1 of 2*

Patient displays warning [signs of trafficking](#).

[Speak with patient alone if possible](#); if an interpreter is needed, call for interpreter services

Using [a trauma informed approach](#), engage the patient [to screen for trafficking](#).

IF YOU ARE WORKING WITH A PATIENT UNDER 18yo or suspect under 18yo, YOU ARE ALWAYS OBLIGATED AS A MANDATED REPORTER!

Suspect or confirm patient is a survivor of trafficking.

Contact SANE or Social Work Department (each hospital system to individualize, recommend adding workable contact info)

Continue to attend to the patient's medical, as well as psychological and basic needs (e.g., food, clothing, private room)

For guidance & technical assistance at any point during this process, contact the

[NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE](#) 1-888-373-7888

Text: BEFREE (233733) Email: nhtrc@polarisproject.com Submit anonymous online tip [here](#).

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Contact SANE or Social Work Department (each hospital system to individualize, recommend adding workable contact info)

Assess for safety concerns; consider notifying facility security depending on institution

If patient is 18 or older

Conduct a [trauma-informed assessment](#) to evaluate patient's **goals, unique needs** (e.g., mental health, substance use, etc.), and **ability/readiness** to leave situation; provider response to be based on patient's needs and requests.

Patient is NOT ready to leave situation and/or NOT interested in additional services

Provide anticipatory guidance based on patient's own goals and/or safety concerns

Give [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)

1-888-373-7888

Give Text #: **BEFREE (233733)**

Patient is interested in additional services

Contact [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)

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For resources and referral information

If patient is under 18 yo, or suspect patient under 18 yo

Refer to [Delaware's Juvenile Trafficking Protocol \(JTAC\)](#)

Contact Division of Family Services
Child Abuse Report Line (Report Line)
At 1-800-292-9582

Report if trafficking is suspected or confirmed.

For Minors, treat suspicion of trafficking (sex or labor) like suspicion of child abuse!

Consider a coordinated response to unique factors for trafficking victims, including but not limited to:

- Substance Use
- Specialized services for survivors
- Mental Health
- Shelter/Safe House
- Reporting to law enforcement, *if in with patient's interests*
- Evidence collection. *if in with patient's interests*