

Human Trafficking Awareness Tips

Red Flags to Observe For:

- Patient is withdrawn, fearful, or anxious
- Evidence of being controlled – rarely alone or allowed to speak for herself
- Patient has vague complaints and is reluctant to provide explanation
- Possessive Tattoos or Branding – barcode, crown, name of trafficker, “Wifey”, dollar sign
- Physical injuries with various stages of healing or lack of medical care when needed
- Accompanied by a person much older who is not related– may refer to person as “Dad”
- Frequent UTI’s or STI’s
- Multiple pregnancies or abortions
- Loss of vision or hearing
- Works in the sex industry – strip clubs, pornography, prostitution
- Drug/alcohol dependence
- Disoriented – unsure of what city she is in
- Possession of multiple cell phones, hotel cards, money, lingerie

Questions to Ask (Only when patient is alone):

- Do you feel unsafe or threatened?
- Has anyone forced you to do anything you don’t want to do?
- Is anyone forcing you to have sex against when you don’t want to?
- How do you make money to live?
- Do you keep that money or does someone else take it?
- Has anyone threatened to hurt you or your family?
- What would happen if you left your job/employer/boyfriend?
- Can you tell me more about these tattoos?
- Are you in need of medical treatment?

If you suspect human trafficking call

911

Or

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888

Or

Text “Help” to 233733