



Ohio Department of Health - Ohio School Nurses

Human Trafficking Observing and Reporting Protocol (May 2013)

If you suspect you have come into contact with a victim of human trafficking, **ASK YOURSELF** Is victim in immediate life threatening danger?

YES

STEPS

1. Call 911.
2. Call the **Trafficking National 24 Hour Hotline 1-888-3737-888** to report tip.
3. Report suspected child abuse or neglect to Children Services per school policy. Call **Ohio's Child Abuse Reporting Hotline 1-855-642-4453.**

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Trafficking Victims Protection Act 2000 Definitions

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.

Sex Trafficking: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person of a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion or in which a person forced to perform such act is under the age of 18 years.

If victim is not in immediate danger, do you suspect the situation meets the **Trafficking Victim's Protection Act** Definitions of human trafficking?

Look for signs and possible indicators that can help you identify if it's a trafficking situation.

Does the youth exhibit any signs or potential indicators of human trafficking?

Ask the student the questions on page 2.

NO

- Victim may be experiencing abuse or have other significant needs.
- 211 may be available in your area or contact local resources (e.g., domestic violence shelter, mental health).
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Examples of signs and indicators to look for

- Does not attend school regularly, may have unexplained absences or be identified as truant.
- Runs away from home regularly.
- Talks about frequent travel to other cities.
- Has bruises or other physical, mental or sexual signs of abuse.
- Shows signs of fear, anxiety, depression or emotional distress.
- Physically exhausted; works long hours; responsible for childcare or cleaning.
- Experiences malnutrition or hunger, poor hygiene, back problems or urinary difficulties.
- Shows signs of drug addiction.
- Demonstrates a sudden change in behavior or clothing
- Makes references to sexual situations that are unusual for a child of that age.
- Has a "boyfriend" or "girlfriend" who is noticeably older (10+ years).
- Poor dental health.