

# Human Trafficking Awareness

Baptist Health Care wants to share these human trafficking awareness tips with everyone in the community.

**Nurses and clinicians can speak up or ask further questions if they notice any of these signs in a patient:**

- No identification
- Lack of documentation to show age and health immunizations
- Tattoos or branding on children (examples: crowns, words that indicate property, such as “daddy’s little princess”)
- Unclear past and medical history – story does not match the ailment, illness or trauma the patient is being seen for in the setting
- Inconsistent stories or changing answers about the trauma/reason for visit
- No stable address or unwilling to give an address
- Sexually transmitted disease
- Wearing skimpy clothes that are much smaller than necessary
- Presence of cotton or debris in genitals
- Problems with jaw or neck
- Inability to keep appointments
- Accompanied by a person who does not allow the child/patient to speak and is unwilling to leave the child/patient alone during care or examination
- Child is alone or without an adult present and is constantly on the phone texting with someone, even during an exam
- Condoms or other pregnancy-prevention devices in a child’s possession
- Many keys that are loose or on a key ring - This could be an indication of hotel room or staying in multiple places.

- Burner cell phone – These are temporary, disposable and pre-paid mobile phones that can be replaced frequently.
- Pre-paid credit cards – This is a way that a trafficker makes money on the trafficked child. A child’s labor could be paid for using these temporary cards
- Multiple receipts – These may indicate that the trafficked child is making deposits on pre-paid credit cards for the person in control of her or him

Show concern, compassion and believe a patient who shares details of a situation. If you suspect a case of human trafficking, call **1.888.373.7888**.

**Other ways you can help:**

- Learn the facts about human sex trafficking in our own communities.
- Work more closely with local and state law enforcement.
- Become educated and share vitally-needed education to our peers, friends, organizations and parent groups.
- Learn and share the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline (NHTRC): 1.888.373.7888. Post it in public areas.
- Pay attention in the community and speak up when something doesn’t seem right.
  - Are there children who never seem to go to school?
  - Are men and women coming and going at a nearby residence at all hours of the night?
  - Have you seen a child walking with an older man, and that child seems very reserved, malnourished and perhaps afraid to make eye contact or even observe surroundings?

For safety, never confront a suspected trafficker directly. Instead, contact local authorities and call the NHTRC hotline, **1.888.373.7888**.