

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING



## At A Glance

Often referred to as modern day slavery, human trafficking refers to sexual exploitation or involuntary labor of individuals through force, fraud or coercion. The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 describes these forms of trafficking in the following way:

- ◆ Sex Trafficking. The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person forced to perform such an act is under the age of 18 years.
- ◆ 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 being subjected to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

## Indicators

Some signs that an individual is a victim of human trafficking may be present if he or she:

- ✓ Has restricted or heavily supervised mobility.
- ✓ Has unexplained or unreasonable explanation(s) of injuries.
- ✓ Is under the control or constant supervision of another.
- ✓ Is rarely allowed to speak freely for him/herself.
- ✓ Is always accompanied by a person of the opposite sex or an older adult.
- ✓ Has a companion with them that adamantly insists on interpreting when language or cultural barriers are present.

- ✓ Lacks proper identification.
- ✓ Lacks the means to support him/herself or control money, in spite of long hours at work.
- ✓ Lacks meaningful contact with the community.
- ✓ Lacks contact with or is isolated from family and friends.
- ✓ Lacks permanency in the community.
- ✓ Has a constant appearance of fear, nervousness and/or apprehension.
- ✓ Is controlled by another through the use or threat of violence to him/herself, family or friends.

## Reporting Human Trafficking

- ◆ Contact local law enforcement or federal authorities.
- ◆ Contact local community agencies and non-governmental organizations.
- ◆ Gather as much information as possible without jeopardizing one's safety or that of the victim.

### Report Trafficking or Get Help

Trafficking Information and Referral Toll-Free Hotline:  
1-888-373-7888

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice:  
1-888-428-7581

## For More Information

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking>

<http://www.state.gov/g/tip>

<http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd>

[http://www.usdoj.gov/whatwedo/whatwedo\\_ctip.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/whatwedo/whatwedo_ctip.html)

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