



Human Trafficking Red Flags for Law Enforcement



Human trafficking involves using force, fraud or coercion to control their victims and victims often exhibit one or more of the following indicators: *(Not all victims present any/all symptoms)*

IMPORTANT!

Any child 17 & under engaged in commercial sex is a trafficked victim regardless of force, fraud, or coercion

- Does not possess identification papers or travel documents
- Restricted movement, control by another party always a factor
- Does not control his/her money, often has little money
- What was original promise of pay as compared to reality
- Sleeping arrangements inadequate, make-shift
- Branding marks or bruises on legs, neck, arms, etc.
- Threats of harm to families
- Foreign nationals—deportation concern or recent arrival from Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Canada, Africa and/or India
- Victims are fearful, timid, non-cooperative, with inconsistent stories
- Defers to someone else to speak for them and/or non-English speaking
- Coached on what to say to enforcement/authorities on age, etc.
- Children not attending school
- Is doing a different job than what was promised
- Inappropriate clothing for age, weather conditions, etc
- Unreasonable security measures
- Appears to have been deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care
- Victims often do not self-identify and are untrusting of law enforcement. They are also unaware of their rights and may fear deportation

**If you see something, please say something:
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