

Community Safety Resource

Human Trafficking Awareness: Prevent, Recognize, Report In the Fight Against Human Trafficking Prevent | Recognize | Report

Texas True Tax is NOT a law enforcement agency and does not investigate suspected human trafficking. This information is provided for public awareness only.

If there is immediate danger, call 911. If you suspect human trafficking and it is not an emergency, report it to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, iWatchTexas, or local law enforcement.

Texas True Tax serves property owners, business owners, landlords, and communities across Texas. Because we work closely with neighborhoods, commercial properties, rental properties, and business owners, we believe public awareness matters.

Human trafficking can affect men, women, and children. It may involve forced labor, sexual exploitation, coercion, fraud, abuse, threats, debt, addiction, housing insecurity, or manipulation.

Human trafficking can occur in many settings, including homes, rental properties, hotels, motels, businesses, job sites, massage businesses, restaurants, agricultural properties, and other workplaces.

Property owners, landlords, neighbors, business owners, and community members may notice warning signs before law enforcement is called.

Do not confront anyone yourself. Report what you see.

LABOR TRAFFICKING RED FLAGS

- Works excessively long or unusual hours
- Lives where they work or lives in crowded conditions
- Is transported to and from work by an employer or controlling person
- Does not control their own identification documents
- Is not allowed to speak for themselves
- Appears afraid, controlled, or unable to leave

SEX TRAFFICKING RED FLAGS

- Unexplained injuries
- Branding, tattoos, or signs of ownership
- Hotel keys, rolls of cash, multiple phones, or refillable gift cards
- Sexually provocative, clothing inappropriate for the weather or situation
- Unable to make decisions without permission
- Mentions an older boyfriend or girlfriend who appears controlling

If you see something that appears unsafe, do not confront anyone.

Call 911 in an emergency

National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1.888.373.7888

Text help: HELP or INFO to 233733 or report through iWatchTexas.

- Offers of independence, luxury items, cash
- Meeting the need for food, clothing, shelter

- Exploit positions with authority, their vulnerability or depression

HOW TRAFFICKERS RECRUIT – THEY MAY USE:

- Romance, love, or acceptance
- Promises of money, independence, gifts, or luxury items
- Food, clothing, housing, or transportation
- Flattery, lies, and manipulation
- Authority, fear, debt, threats, or desperation

WHAT TO DO

- Call **911** if someone is in immediate danger.
- Do **not** confront a suspected trafficker.
- Do **not** try to rescue someone yourself.
- Report details safely.
- Share what you observed, not what you assume.

HOW CAN YOU BE THE ONE?

- Pay attention to people in your community, surroundings, and report red flag behaviors.
- Don't wait to report. Don't approach traffickers yourself.
- Call 911 for emergencies. Don't worry about being wrong. Your call may save a life.

RECOMMENDED VIDEO LINKS

- [BE THE ONE - FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING VIDEO](#)
- [COMMERCIAL HOSPITALITY LODGING TRAINING](#)
- [IDENTIFYING HUMAN TRAFFICKING](#)

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Men, women, and children can all be victims of human trafficking. Some groups are especially at risk.

- Runaways and children in foster care
- Victims of physical and sexual abuse
- Immigrants
- Impoverished people—hungry, poor, in debt
- People struggling with addictions
- People with criminal histories

Helpful details include:

- Vehicle description
- License plate, if safely visible
- Location – when and where
- Date and time
- Description of people involved
- Direction of travel
- Photos only if safe and legal
- Take a picture if safe to do so

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