

INDICATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Recognizing human trafficking is the first step in combating this heinous crime.

Learning the indicators and reporting tips helps law enforcement identify victims and connect them with the care and services they need.

The indicators listed below may help you recognize human trafficking, but any one indicator is not necessarily proof of human trafficking.

PHYSICAL:

Does the person...

- Show signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture.
- Appear to be deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, or other necessities?
- Lack personal possessions?

SOCIAL:

Does the person...

- Work excessively long and/or unusual hours?
- Show sudden or dramatic changes in behavior?
- Act fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid?
- Defer to another person to speak for him or her?
- Appear to be coached on what to say?
- Appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or place of worship?
- Not have the ability to freely leave where they live?



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WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor or commercial sex. Victims can be any age, race, ethnicity, gender, sex, or nationality, and they can come from any socioeconomic background.

Human trafficking happens everywhere — across our communities in cities, suburbs, and rural areas.

Any minor (under the age of 18) engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking according to federal law, regardless of whether there is force, fraud, or coercion.

Human Smuggling vs. Human Trafficking

Human smuggling and human trafficking are different crimes.

Human smuggling is the illegal movement of someone across a border.

Human trafficking is the illegal exploitation of a person.



WHAT DOES BLUE FREEDOM PROJECT DO?

- Serves as the community with efforts to combat human trafficking.
- Educates the public through awareness events and provide resources including public service announcements, posters, brochures, and infographics.
- Partners with schools, agencies, and private organizations to provide training and resources on recognizing and reporting suspected human trafficking.
- Uses social media to communicate with the general public about Blue Freedom Project efforts, how to recognize and report human trafficking, and how to get involved.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

As an individual or organization there are many actions you can take to help raise awareness of human trafficking and work to combat this heinous crime.

Visit www.bluefreedomproject.org to:

- Educate yourself by viewing our free educational awareness products and videos.
- Learn more about how to recognize and report suspected human trafficking.
- Download and share our free resources in your community and online.
- Sign up to volunteer at one of our events or for one of our community projects.



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