

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW BEING
TRAFFICKED? IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING
HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
RECOGNIZING POTENTIAL RED FLAGS AND
KNOWING THE INDICATORS OF HUMAN
TRAFFICKING IS A KEY STEP IN
IDENTIFYING MORE VICTIMS AND
HELPING THEM FIND THE ASSISTANCE
THEY NEED.**

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

ALTHOUGH SLAVERY IS COMMONLY THOUGHT TO BE A THING OF THE PAST, HUMAN TRAFFICKERS GENERATE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROFITS BY TRAPPING MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN HORRIFIC SITUATIONS AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING HERE IN THE U.S. TRAFFICKERS USE VIOLENCE, THREATS, DECEPTION, DEBT BONDAGE, AND OTHER MANIPULATIVE TACTICS TO FORCE PEOPLE TO PROVIDE LABOR OR SERVICES AGAINST THEIR WILL. WHILE MORE RESEARCH IS NEEDED ON THE SCOPE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, BELOW ARE A FEW KEY STATISTICS:

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE 40.3 MILLION VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING GLOBALLY.

- 81% OF THEM ARE TRAPPED IN FORCED LABOR.
- 25% OF THEM ARE CHILDREN.
- 75% ARE WOMEN AND GIRLS.

COMMON WORK AND LIVING CONDITIONS: THE INDIVIDUAL(S) IN QUESTION:

- IS NOT FREE TO LEAVE OR COME AND GO AS HE/SHE WISHES
- IS UNDER 18 AND IS PROVIDING COMMERCIAL SERVICES
- IS UNPAID, PAID VERY LITTLE, OR PAID ONLY THROUGH TIPS
 - WORKS EXCESSIVELY LONG AND/OR UNUSUAL HOURS
- IS NOT ALLOWED BREAKS OR SUFFERS UNDER UNUSUAL RESTRICTIONS AT WORK
 - OWES A LARGE DEBT AND IS UNABLE TO PAY IT OFF
- WAS RECRUITED THROUGH FALSE PROMISES CONCERNING THE NATURE AND CONDITIONS OF HIS/HER WORK
- HIGH SECURITY MEASURES EXIST IN THE WORK AND/OR LIVING LOCATIONS (E.G. OPAQUE WINDOWS, BOARDED UP WINDOWS, BARS ON WINDOWS, BARBED WIRE, SECURITY CAMERAS, ETC.)

POOR MENTAL HEALTH OR ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR

- IS FEARFUL, ANXIOUS, DEPRESSED, SUBMISSIVE, TENSE, OR NERVOUS/PARANOID
- EXHIBITS UNUSUALLY FEARFUL OR ANXIOUS BEHAVIOR AFTER BRINGING UP LAW ENFORCEMENT
 - AVOIDS EYE CONTACT

POOR PHYSICAL HEALTH:

- LACKS HEALTH CARE
- APPEARS MALNOURISHED
- SHOWS SIGNS OF PHYSICAL AND/OR SEXUAL ABUSE, PHYSICAL RESTRAINT, CONFINEMENT, OR TORTURE

LACK OF CONTROL:

- HAS FEW OR NO PERSONAL POSSESSIONS
- IS NOT IN CONTROL OF HIS/HER OWN MONEY, NO FINANCIAL RECORDS, OR BANK ACCOUNT
 - IS NOT IN CONTROL OF HIS/HER OWN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS (ID OR PASSPORT)
- IS NOT ALLOWED OR ABLE TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES (A THIRD PARTY MAY INSIST ON BEING PRESENT AND/OR TRANSLATING)

OTHER:

- CLAIMS OF JUST VISITING AND INABILITY TO CLARIFY WHERE HE/SHE IS STAYING/ADDRESS
- LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS AND/OR DO NOT KNOW WHAT CITY HE/SHE IS IN
 - LOSS OF SENSE OF TIME
- HAS NUMEROUS INCONSISTENCIES IN HIS/HER STORY

THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE AND REPRESENTS ONLY A SELECTION OF POSSIBLE INDICATORS. ALSO, THE RED FLAGS IN THIS LIST MAY NOT BE PRESENT IN ALL TRAFFICKING CASES AND ARE NOT CUMULATIVE. LEARN MORE AT WWW.HUMANTRAFFICKINGHOTLINE.ORG.

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