

FAST FACTS

Human trafficking happens in the United States. A person of any age, ethnicity or nationality can be a victim of trafficking.

Trafficking is exploitation. A person in a trafficking situation may suffer both labor and sexual exploitation/trafficking.

Labor trafficking venues include: farms and factories; domestic and hospitality workers; door-to-door sales, beauty and nail salons, carnivals and contracts for work schemes.

Sexual exploitation: When minors are involved in commercial sexual activity, it is exploitive and never considered consensual.

Social networks are the primary source of contact between traffickers and victims.

...human trafficking is typically intermixed with other illicit activities, including fraud, extortion, racketeering, money laundering, bribery ...drug use, document forgery and gambling. (National Institute of Justice)

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1/888/373-7888 or Text 233733 or BeFree

Who Is At Risk?

WHO ARE POTENTIAL VICTIMS?

Victims of human trafficking may be anyone: men, women, children, foreign nationals, or U.S. citizens.

HOW DO TRAFFICKERS CONTROL VICTIMS?

Here are some examples:

FORCE

Physical restraint, beatings, transporting, rape.

FRAUD

False offers of employment, marriage, or a better life.

COERCION

Threats, debt bondage, destroying legal documents, psychological and sexual abuse.



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What Is Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking involves various types of exploitation. It is often called "modern slavery." Traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims for the purpose of sexual and labor exploitation.

Labor Trafficking:

Individuals perform labor or services in situations that may include **debt bondage**, forced labor, or involuntary child labor.

WHAT IS DEBT BONDAGE?

Also known as "debt slavery", it is a widely used method of enslaving people. Debt bondage occurs when a person is forced to work to pay off a debt. Victims are tricked into working for little or no pay with no control over the debt.

Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation:

Commercial sexual activity through the use of force, fraud, or coercion, or by a person under age of eighteen. If a person is under age 18 the commercial sexual activity need not involve force, fraud, or coercion

WHAT IS COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY?

Commercial Sexual Activity (KRS 529.010) includes prostitution, participation in the production of obscene material, and engaging in a sexually explicit performance.

What Each of Us Can Do About Human Trafficking



Be aware.

Report suspicious activity to the hotline. Encourage victims to get help through the hotline:

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Help change social attitudes.

No form of exploitation is "OK" or "Not my problem." All forms of human trafficking are criminal activities which endanger victims and communities.



Become educated about the signs and different types of human trafficking.

Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking

If you suspect something is wrong, ask yourself these questions:

- Are there bruises or other signs of physical abuse?
- Are there signs of psychological abuse?
- Is the person submissive or fearful?
- Is the person being controlled?
- Is the person being deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, or other life necessities?
- Is the person allowed to be in public alone?
- Can the person freely contact friends or family?
- Is the person a minor engaged in commercial sex?
- Does a minor appear to be in a relationship with a much older person?
- Does the person fear his or her employer?
- Can the person leave their job situation if they want?
- Has someone threatened the person's family?
- Does the person have identification?
- Does the person know his or her own address?

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