

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The following is a list of red flags or indicators that will help you recognize human trafficking:

- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture
- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid especially after bringing up law enforcement
- Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present and/or translating)
- Has few or no personal possessions
- Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story
- Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (ID or passport)
- Claims of just visiting and inability to clarify where he/she is staying/address



HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships developed this fact sheet on human trafficking. Though HUD has no enforcement authority or program responsibility in this area, the Center is sharing this information to raise awareness about the issue. You and members of your community can play an important role in identifying and ending human trafficking. To ensure your safety and the safety of possible victims, contact a service provider or law enforcement official – do not undertake investigations on your own. Any questions or requests for assistance should be directed to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (ICE HIS) Tip Line at: 866-347-2423.

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is considered a modern day form of slavery and a crime against humanity. According to the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, human trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability, for the purpose of exploiting them.¹

WHO IS AFFECTED BY HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Though the majority of human trafficking victims are from other countries and may speak little or no English, approximately 33 percent of victims are Americans.² While anyone can become a victim of trafficking, certain populations are especially vulnerable. These may include: undocumented immigrants; runaway and homeless youth; victims of trauma and abuse; refugees and individuals fleeing conflict; and oppressed, marginalized, and/or impoverished groups and individuals.³



HOW CAN I HELP?

Listed below are the steps you can take to end this crime against humanity.

- Report suspicious activity to law enforcement Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (ICE HIS) Tip Line at: 866-347-2423 or report online at www.ice.gov/tips
- Promote awareness by educating yourself and your community on the basic signs of human trafficking mentioned above
- Generate awareness by distributing this flyer and obtaining the “Blue Campaign” Anti-Human Trafficking materials from the Department of Homeland Security www.dhs.gov/humantrafficking
- Partner with your community to support victims by calling the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 888-373-7888. This hotline will help victims safely and securely rebuild by connecting them to basic services related to immediate shelter, food, health and dental care, legal and immigration services

RESOURCES

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
<http://www.dhs.gov/topic/human-trafficking>
- U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/>
- U.S. Department of State - Trafficking in Persons Report 2013
<http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2013/index.htm>
- U.S. Department of Justice, Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force Initiative
https://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=51
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/civilrights/human_trafficking
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/endtrafficking>
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime – Human Trafficking
<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/what-is-human-trafficking.html?ref=menuaside>
- Federal Strategic Action Plan on Services for Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States 2013-2017
<http://www.ovc.gov/pubs/FederalHumanTraffickingStrategicPlan.pdf>
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Blue Campaign
<http://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/what-is-blue-campaign>
- U.S. Agency for International Development
<http://www.usaid.gov/trafficking>

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 888-373-7888
- End Slavery Now, www.endslaverynow.com
- Prevent Human Trafficking, www.preventhumantrafficking.org
- Polaris Project, www.polarisproject.org



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Citations:

¹ United Nations Convention Against Transitional Organized Crime and the Protocols There To, 2004; United Nations, NY

² FBI: Human Trafficking Prevention - Help Us Identify Potential Victims (January 20, 2012)

³ Polaris Project – The Victims