



## Human Trafficking “Red Flags” for the General Public

Human trafficking victims often exhibit one or more of the following indicators:

- Potential victims may work and live at the same place.
- A potential victim often lacks the freedom to leave their working or living conditions; they are often escorted when they travel.
- Victims are often kept under surveillance when they are taken somewhere.
- Victims may not even know their address
- Victims may exhibit signs of abuse, such as bruises, cuts, burns, scars, prolonged lack of healthcare, or malnourishment.
- Victims may exhibit fear, anxiety, depression, nervousness, hostility, flashbacks, or drug /alcohol addiction, and commonly avoid eye contact.
- Victims are not in control of their own money.
- Victims often have no, or few, personal possessions. They frequently have no identifying documents, such as a driver’s license or passport.
- Victims may have their communication restricted or controlled, or have a third party translate for them.
- Victims have inconsistencies in their story.
- Victims may have brands, scars, clothing, jewelry, or tattoos indicating someone else’s ownership.
- Victims may not admit that they are victims, and may not ask for help.

**Human trafficking situations can be dangerous to you and to victims if you attempt to intervene. If you suspect human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-3737-888, or call 9-1-1.**