

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## Red Flags for the General Public

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



- 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 if you attempt to intervene. If you suspect human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-3737-888, or call 911.**

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