Is There Human Trafficking in Your Community?
Look beneath the surface and gain the confidence to report suspicious activities!

Trafficking is exploitation and coercion of labor or sex by a criminal. It’s slavery… not a choice for making money nor a victimless crime.

**Persons at risk** of being trafficked: Runaways, homeless LGBTs, migrants, teens with addictive disorders or from dysfunctional foster care homes. (Most foster care parents are extraordinary persons but some foster children are used to being “meal tickets” No one reports them missing. No one is looking for them.
10 Min. [C-Span Testimony in Senate](#)

**Popular places for traffickers:** malls, drug treatment centers, near shelters or teen hangouts and especially on the internet. Perpetrators want to find minors who look “down on their luck”. They often feign romantic interest and promise an exciting future. Labor Traffickers lure desperate migrants into domestic or agricultural labor exploitation.

**Adult Classified Ads** target sex buyers and are indicators of human trafficking in your community. [New Measures to Fight Exploitation via the Internet](#)

**Social media, Cell phones and Gaming Devices** are used very effectively by traffickers to lure teens.
[Online Safety Tips](#)

**How to Help**: Traffickers often tell their victims that they will be arrested, shamed or deported if they go to the police. Nonetheless, ask your local police and agencies if there is any trafficking. What may be reported as child sexual assault can be sexual exploitation. We can help by looking beneath the surface, in airports, transportation centers for taxis, busses, ferries or anyplace teens frequent. **Children do not need IDs when traveling** so you may see a child that’s being smuggled or trafficked in transit.

Minors involved in prostitution are victims not criminals! See this explanation of [Safe Harbor Laws](#) to protect minors!

For help, to report suspicious activity or get more information call:
888.3737.888, Text BEFREE (233733) Text “Help”, “Info” or [Live Chat](#)
[National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) or Call 911 or Call 911
# Signs, Indicators and Debunked Myths of Human Trafficking

## Human Trafficking Indicators
These are some key red flags that could alert you to a potential trafficking situation that should be reported:
- Living with employer
- Carrying little or no money
- Poor living conditions with multiple people in cramped space
- Inability to speak to an individual alone
- Answers appear to be scripted or rehearsed
- Employer is holding identity documents
- Signs of physical abuse
- Submissive or fearful
- Employment is unpaid or pays very little or is paid “under the table”

## Questions to Ask
Assuming you have the opportunity to speak with a potential victim privately and without jeopardizing the victim’s safety because the trafficker is watching, here are some sample questions to ask to follow up on the red flags you became alerted to:
- Can you leave your job if you want to?
- Can you come and go as you please?
- Have you been hurt or threatened?
- Has your family been threatened?
- Do you live with your employer?
- Where do you sleep and eat?
- Are you in debt to your employer?

## Debunking the Myths of Human Trafficking (HT)
- HT can be coerced labor or coerced sex for the profit of the criminal
- Victims can be under the control of a trafficker while appearing to be free to come and go
- HT is a growing problem in the US and world-wide
- Whether a person originally consented to do a job is irrelevant once his or her free will has been compromised

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Text BEFREE (233733) or in Immediate Danger Call 911
Information from the US State Dept. Trafficking In Persons Reports and the Polaris Project