

Human Trafficking

Indicators

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Victims of trafficking may suffer from several physical and psychological problems because they are often forced or coerced into dangerous conditions, putting them a greater risk for the following:

- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Pregnancy, resulting from rape or prostitution
- Bruises, scars and other signs of physical abuse and torture
- Substance abuse or addictions
- Malnourishment and serious dental problems
- Infectious diseases like tuberculosis
- Undetected or untreated diseases, such as diabetes or cancer
- Psychological trauma, including depression, stress-related disorders, disorientation, confusion, phobias and panic attacks

The following clues may help you identify a possible trafficking victim:

- Accompanied by a controlling person or boss; not speaking on their own behalf
- Lack of control over personal schedule, money, I.D., travel documents
- Transported to or from work; lives and works in the same place
- Debt owed to employer/crew leader; inability to leave job
- Bruises, depression, fear, overly submissive

These questions may help you identify a trafficking victim:

What type of work do you do?

- **Are you being paid?**
- **Can you leave your job if you want to?**
- **Can you come and go as you please?**
- **Have you or your family been threatened?**
- **What is your working and living conditions like?**
- **Where do you sleep and eat?**
- **Do you have to ask for permission to eat/sleep/go to the bathroom?**
- **Are there locks on the doors/windows so you cannot get out?**
- **Has your identification or documentation been taken from you?**

LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE

The person you have encountered may be a victim of human trafficking. If you think someone is a victim of human trafficking, call the **National Human Trafficking Resource Center 1.888.3737.888**, to obtain information and to access supportive services for the victim. For more information about human trafficking visit www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center can help you determine if you have encountered victims of human trafficking, identify local resources available to help victims, and coordinate with local social service organization to assist victims so they can begin the process of restoring their lives.

Support for Victims of Human Trafficking

Victims of human trafficking who are non-U.S. citizens are eligible to receive benefits and services through the **Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 (TVPRA)** to the same extent as refugees. Victims who are U.S. citizens are already eligible to receive many of these benefits.

