

Human Trafficking

RED FLAGS



Airline and Airport Workers - Know the Signs of Human Trafficking and its Victims

These indicators are just a few that may alert you to a potential human trafficking situation. While no single indicator is necessarily proof of human trafficking, you can use this information to help you recognize relevant suspicious behavior(s) and take appropriate action.

- Have few or none of the usual personal items when checking in or boarding a flight
- Accompanied by someone who is far better dressed
- Avoids eye contact or are watchful to the point of paranoia
- Unusually submissive to the person(s) accompanying them
- Not allowed to speak for themselves if directly addressed, with someone else insisting or translating for them
- Does not appear to know where they are or where they are going
- Not in possession of their own passport, money, or papers
- Does not have the freedom to separate themselves from those person(s) accompanying them (to use the restroom, stroll through the airport, aircraft etc.)
- May exhibit signs of physical abuse
- Malnourished and/or eats as if ravenously hungry
- Dressed inappropriately: Immodestly or not right for weather
- If traveling alone, does not know who will meet them
- Afraid of uniformed security
- A child traveling with someone who does not appear to be his/her parent or guardian, and/or child seems uncomfortable or fearful of person.

- Speaks of a “modeling” job or similar without knowing who will be meeting them upon arrival
- Scripted/inconsistent stories
- Branding or tattoo with “Daddy”, a man’s name or money symbols
- Frightened, ashamed, or nervous

What Should I Do?

If you suspect that a person may be a victim of human trafficking, call the NJ human trafficking hotline number (855.END.NJ.HT) and local law enforcement.

Non-law enforcement personnel should never attempt to directly confront a suspected trafficker or rescue a suspected victim.

Doing so could put both the victim and your safety at risk. By immediately informing law enforcement of your suspicions, you can safely assist in the recovery of the victim and the dismantling of the trafficking operation.

Did You Know?

- Each year, as many as 300,000 American children are at risk of being trafficked for commercial sex in the United States.
- The average age a girl enters the commercial sex trade is 12-14 years old. For boys, it’s even younger – just 11-13 years old.

Sources:

U.S. Department of Justice, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children



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Global Impact

Men, women and children are trafficked across international borders each year. Victims are trafficked into the international sex trade and into forced labor situations throughout the world. Many of these victims are lured from their homes with false promises of well-paying jobs; instead, they are forced or coerced into prostitution, domestic servitude, farm or factory labor or other types of forced labor.

Understanding Means of Coercion

Victims often find themselves in a foreign country and cannot speak the language. Traffickers often take away the victims' travel and identity documents and tell victims that if they attempt to escape, the victims or their families back home will be harmed or that the victims' families will assume the debt. We recognize that men, women and children that are encountered in brothels, sweat shops, massage parlors, agricultural fields and other labor markets may be forced or coerced into those situations and potentially are trafficking victims.

Statistics - Estimations of the impact of Human Trafficking

The following is a list of available statistics estimating the scope of Human Trafficking around the world and within the United States. Actual statistics are often unavailable, and some may be contradictory due to the covert nature of the crime, the invisibility of victims and high levels of under reporting.

Further obstacles include inconsistent definitions, reluctance to share data, and a lack of funding for and standardization of data collection. Particularly lacking are estimates on the number of American citizens trafficked within the U.S.

Human Trafficking Worldwide:

- Human trafficking is a 150 billion per year industry and is tied with drugs for the most profitable criminal endeavor, having passed illegal weapons.
- 27,000,000 people are in modern day slavery around the world.

- 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year. 50% are children, 80% are women and girls.
- 1,000,000 children are exploited by the international sex trade.
- 70% of female victims are trafficked into the sex trade. 30% into forced labor.
- 161 countries have been identified as being affected by human trafficking, including 127 countries of origin, 98 transit countries, 137 destination countries.

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking in the United States:

- There are 100,000 to 300,000 underage girls being sold for sex in America.
- The average age of entry into prostitution is 12-14 years old.
- 50,000 women and children are trafficked into the United States each year.
- 1 out of every 3 teens on the street will be lured toward prostitution within 48 hours of running away from home.
- Minor victims are sold an average of 10-15 times a day, 6 days a week.
- 1 out of 5 pornographic images is of a child.
- The sale of child pornography has become a \$3 billion dollar industry.
- Over 100,000 websites offer child pornography.
- 55 percent of internet child pornography comes from the United States.

- US Department of Justice
United States Department of Homeland Security: www.dhs.gov/humantrafficking
- Innocents at Risk: www.innocentsatrisk.org
- Airline Ambassadors International: www.airlineamb.org
- Trafficking.org: www.trafficking.org

