

## WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. However, when it comes to minors, no force, fraud, or coercion is required. 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, or other types of forced labor. Victims are found in legitimate and illegitimate labor industries, including domestic work, hospitality, and construction.

**Human trafficking is different from human smuggling.** Trafficking is exploitation-based and does not require movement across borders or any type of transportation.

## **COMMON INDICATORS**

- High security measures where the victims live or work.
- Working excessively long and/or unusual hours.
- Living and working on site.
- Transported to and from work together by their employer.
- Not free to come and go at will.
- Signs of poor hygiene, malnourishment, or substance abuse.
- Not in control of their own money, bank account, or identification documents.
- Not allowed to speak for themselves.
- Branding, tattoos, or nail art indicating ownership.

## **REPORT**

- Call 911 for emergencies.
- Victims, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888.
- Text "Help" or "info" to 233733.
- To report suspicious activity 24/7, contact iWatchTexas.





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