

Human Trafficking Tips and Resources

How do I identify a potential victim?

- **Accompanied by another person who seems controlling** or has someone in their life that is constantly monitoring them
- Signs of physical or psychological abuse
- Lacks identification
- Under 18 and providing commercial sex acts (i.e. “sex” for money, gifts, etc.)
- Under 18 and interested in or is already in a relationship with an adult
- Has a “**pimp**,” “**daddy**,” etc.
- Uses language from “**the Life**,” “trick,” “date,” “the game,” etc.
- Person has tattoo or brand and is reluctant to talk about it
- Person displays secrecy, or has no knowledge of where assault occurred
- Shared phone with non-family member
- **Multiple Assaultants**

What do I do as an Advocate if I suspect Human Trafficking?

- Follow the victim’s lead.
- Work with hospital staff to ensure best care.
- Let the victim know options about reporting if interested:
 - **Report to local police department**
 - Call **911** if emergency
 - **Report to FBI’s 24-Hour Desk:**
 - 312-421-6700
 - Press 2 when prompted
 - **Provide information about suspected Trafficker without disclosing own name**
 - Call National Human Trafficking Hotline
 - 1-888-373-7888
 - Provide as many details as possible about type of trafficking, location, offenders, vehicles, phone numbers, debit/credit cards, etc.
- Do not promise safety!
- **Call your Back UP if you need assistance!**

Resources:

National Human Trafficking Hotline:

Available 24/7

Call 888-373-7888 or Text “Help” to 233733 (BeFree)

Salvation Army STOP-IT program:

Counties Served in Illinois: **Cook**, Dekalb, Winnebago, Kane, Boone, Dupage,

McHenry, Kendall, Lake, & Will

Hotline Available 24/7, Drop-In Center (Hours Vary)

Call 877-606-3158

