

# human trafficking indicators:

Human trafficking is a crime that occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud, or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against their will. A minor under the age of 18 engaged in commercial sex, regardless of force, fraud, or coercion, is considered a victim of sex trafficking.

*law enforcement sector*



## *consider these red flags*

The victim...

- Has been forced into commercial sex or forced labor
- Shows signs of physical abuse
- Has been denied food, water, and/or medical care
- Shows signs of restriction of movement or high security measures
- Has been branded or has tattoos in atypical locations
- Is a minor engaged in commercial sex
- Reports that someone else is in possession of their identification
- Appears to have been coached on how to answer your questions
- Is submissive to another person

*If the victim shows signs of these red flags, ask questions.*



## *ask questions*

- Is anyone forcing you to do anything you don't want to do?
- Can you leave your job if you wanted to?
- Have you been forced to engage in sexual acts for money or favors?
- Has anyone threatened to hurt you or your family if you leave?
- Has anyone physically or sexually abused you?
- Do you owe a debt to someone you cannot pay off?
- Does anyone take the money you earn?
- Does anyone hold your identity documents (ID, passport) for you?

*If you are concerned the victim may be a victim of human trafficking, make a referral to a human trafficking resource. If the victim is a minor, mandated reporters are obligated to call DCFS.*



## *get help*

**Human Trafficking Resources:**

- Center for Prevention of Abuse | 309.691.0551 or 1.800.559.SAFE (7233)
- National Human Trafficking Hotline | 1.888.373.7888 | text: 233733
- DCFS | 1.800.25.ABUSE