

## **SIGNS AND INDICATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Here are a few “red flags” that may indicate a person is being trafficked:

- cannot leave their work environment or cannot quit to find another job
- do not have control over their wages, money, or finances
- show signs of physical abuse or injury
- are accompanied everywhere by someone who speaks for them, or allows another person to speak for them when addressed directly
- appear to be fearful of or under the control of another person
- owe money to an employer or another person whom they feel bound to repay
- have health problems that have not been attended to
- mention moving or changing jobs suddenly and often
- are unfamiliar with the neighborhood where they live or work
- are not working in the job originally promised to them
- are traveling with minimal or inappropriate luggage or belongings
- lack identification or other documents or do not have control over their documentation
- are a laborer, domestic servant, or caretaker who never leaves the home or workplace
- are unable to freely contact friends or family
- are not allowed to socialize or attend religious services
- have restricted freedom of movement
- are threatened or afraid of being handed over to the authorities
- work excessively long hours over long periods of time

## **SIGNS AND INDICATORS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING**

These are signs you may see in a child who is being trafficked:

- absence or sporadic school attendance
- runs away from home often
- talks about frequent travel to other cities and locations
- has bruises or other signs of physical trauma
- is withdrawn or seems depressed or afraid
- does not have control over own schedule
- is malnourished or dressed inappropriately for weather conditions or circumstances
- shows signs of drug or alcohol use
- exhibits sudden change in clothing or has expensive items not typical for a child
- has a “boyfriend” of “girlfriend” who is noticeably older (10+ years)
- talks about sexual situations unusual for a child that age
- uses language or terms of a sexual nature beyond her/his normal age
- engages in flirtatious behavior

## **WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOU SUSPECT TRAFFICKING**

- call 9-1-1 or the National Trafficking Hotline: (888) 373-7888
- report on the [facts you witness](#) (people, actions, license plates), not opinions
- Ask if she or he needs help

## **WHAT YOU SHOULD **NOT** DO**

- attempt to remove the person from the location
- engage in a long conversation or ask a lot of questions