

HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

What is it and How Can we Help?



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Some Frightening Statistics

- There are at least 12.3 million adults and children in forced labor, bonded labor, and commercial sexual servitude at any given time.
- Of these victims at least 1.39 million are victims of commercial sexual servitude, both transnational and within countries.
- 56 percent of all forced labor victims are women and girls.

*Source: The International Labor Organization (ILO)
an agency of the United Nations (UN)*



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Let's Dispel Some Myths ...

Myth: Only women are victims of human trafficking

Myth: Human trafficking is only a problem in developing countries

Myth: Human trafficking only refers to sex work

Myth: If somebody has received payment for their labor, they can not be a victim of human trafficking

Myth: There is nothing we can do to stop modern day slavery



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Legal Definition Human Trafficking

Labor Trafficking

The use of force, fraud or coercion to harbor, transport or recruit a person for the purpose of exploiting his or her labor

Sex Trafficking

- A commercial sex act obtained by force, fraud or coercion
- Any commercial sex act obtained from a person under the age of 18



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Where are Trafficked Persons?

- Domestic services
- Embassies
- In servile marriages
- Construction
- Factories
- Agricultural fields
- Laundromats
- Motel housing keeping
- Massage parlors
- Strip clubs
- Brothels

POTENTIALLY ANYWHERE!



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What Does Human Trafficking Look Like?

The victims do not have (or are convinced that they do not have) the freedom to quit their jobs through various control mechanisms

- Confiscated documents
- Little or no pay
- Inhuman living conditions
- Isolation
- Threat of deportation
- Threat to family members
- Psychological manipulation
- Disorientation



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How Can We Help Identify Victims of Human Trafficking?

RED FLAGS

- Has the client been physically or psychologically abused?
- Has she has important documents taken away from her by her employer?
- Has she been held against her will?
- Has she been forced to work off a debt?
- Is she always accompanied by somebody who answers for her?
- Can she come and go as she pleases to her work?
- Can she quit her job if she wishes to?
- Has the employed threatened her if she tried to leave?
- Is she allowed to speak to other people outside her job?



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Some Questions to Ask a Potential Victim of Human Trafficking

- Can you leave your job if you want to?
- When you are not working, can you come and go as you please?
- Has your employer threatened you or your family?
- What are the conditions like where you work?
- Is your job what you expected it to be?
- Where do you eat/sleep?
- Do you have to ask permission to go to the bathroom, to eat, to sleep?
- Are there locks on the doors/windows to keep you from leaving?
- Has your identification or documentation been taken from you?
- Have you been forced into prostitution or other sexual activity?



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Resources

- Trafficking in Persons and Worker Exploitation Task Force Complaint Line (Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime): 1-888-428-7581
- Polaris Project
 - National Hotline (multi-lingual): 1-888-3737-888
 - Korean Hotline: 1-888-976-5274
 - Spanish Hotline: 1-888-80-AYUDA (1-888-80-29832)
 - E-mail: Report@PolarisProject.org



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