How You Can Help

Recognize
Know the signs

Report
Call the tipline about suspicious activity

Respond
HSI will respond to your call by assisting victims and targeting traffickers

Report Suspected Human Trafficking

1-866-347-2423
If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, please call 911.

Download the HSI Tipline contact card to your smartphone now.

www.ice.gov/tipline

S.T.O.P. TRAFFICKING
STRATEGIC TARGETED OUTREACH PROGRAM

Healthcare Professionals
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The recognition of human trafficking by healthcare professionals can save a life.

Human Trafficking studies reveal that a significant number of trafficking survivors reported accessing healthcare services during their trafficking situation. An overwhelming majority of these survivors indicated that they had never been provided with information and/or resources about trafficking while visiting a health care provider. Medical personnel have a unique opportunity to identify, educate, and refer victims of trafficking for the services and resources they need.

Here are some common indicators to help recognize human trafficking:

**General Indicators**

- Shares a scripted or inconsistent history.
- Is unwilling or hesitant to answer questions about an injury or illness.
- Is accompanied by a controlling individual who speaks for the patient or will not leave patient’s side.
- Demonstrates excessive concerns about pleasing a family member and/or romantic partner.
- Expresses concern for family members’ safety.
- Demonstrates fearful, anxious, or nervous behavior or avoids eye contact.
- Is unable to provide his/her address, or appears unaware of location, date, or time.
- Is not in possession of his/her ID, documents, money, or insurance card.
- Is not being paid or wages are being withheld for debt owed.

**Labor Trafficking Indicators**

- Has been abused at work or threatened with harm by an employer or supervisor.
- Has been forced to work 12+ hours per day, 7 days a week, and has not been allowed to take adequate breaks.
- Is not provided with protective equipment for hazardous work.
- Was recruited for different work than he/she is currently doing.
- Is required to live in housing provided by employer.
- Has a debt to employer or recruiter that he/she cannot pay off.
- Exhibits signs of previous untreated injuries.
- Appears malnourished.

**Sex Trafficking Indicators**

- Is under the age of 18 and is involved in the commercial sex industry.
- Has tattoos or other forms of branding, such as “Daddy,” “Property of...,” “For sale,” etc.
- Reports or shows signs of an unusually high numbers of sexual partners or frequent STDs.
- Has frequent pregnancies and/or forced abortions.
- Has impacted foreign objects i.e. tampons, sponges, condoms.
- Wears inappropriate clothing for the weather or venue.

Not all indicators listed above are present in every human trafficking situation, and the presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking.

HSI’s Mission to Combat Human Trafficking is Two-Fold:

1. Identify, disrupt and dismantle cross-border human trafficking organizations and minimize the risk they pose to national security and public safety.
2. Employ a victim-centered approach, whereby equal value is placed on the identification, rescue, and stabilization of victims as well as on the deterrence, investigation, and prosecution of traffickers.

Immigration relief is available to foreign national trafficking victims.

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**Each year, HSI operations result in:**

- **1,000** Trafficking Cases
- **1,200** Criminal Arrests
- **400** Victims Assisted
- **900** Indictments
- **500** Convictions

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*Strategic Targeted Outreach Program, a new initiative driven by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) to mitigate trafficking by engaging key industries and raising public awareness to RECOGNIZE & REPORT trafficking.*

HSI will RESPOND to your call to action.

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*AVERAGE OVER A 5 YEAR PERIOD*