

# INDICATORS

## POTENTIAL INDICATORS OF TRAFFICKING INCLUDE:

- Under 18 and performs commercial sex acts
- Shows signs of abuse, restraint or torture
- Acts as if under another's instructions, shows signs his/her movement is controlled
- Worker's money and/or identification documents are kept by the employer
- Owes a large or increasing debt
- High security measures in the work or living location
- Depends on employer for many things, including transportation and accommodation
- Not free to come and go as he or she pleases
- Afraid to talk, intimidated, anxious, or tense, especially regarding law enforcement
- Works excessively long hours
- Unable to tell where he or she lives
- Although employed, looks malnourished, disheveled or injured
- Unpaid, paid very little, or paid only by tips



### HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE

The Human Trafficking Initiative, a project of Metropolitan Family Services' Legal Aid Society, has been at the forefront of the fight against human trafficking in the Chicago area since 2012.

The project provides free, holistic legal representation to survivors of human trafficking on legal issues related to their exploitation.

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To learn more visit [www.metrofamily.org](http://www.metrofamily.org)  
or email [trafficking@metrofamily.org](mailto:trafficking@metrofamily.org).

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## HELP STOP

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### IN YOUR COMMUNITY

IF YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE IS  
A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING CALL

**1-888-3737-888**

Visit [traffickingresourcecenter.org](http://traffickingresourcecenter.org)  
for more information.

## WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to compel their victims to perform labor, services, or commercial sex acts.

**FORCE** beatings, confinement, sexual assault, or confiscation of documents

**FRAUD** false offers of employment, employment conditions, or a better life

**COERCION** threats, debt bondage, psychological abuse, or taking advantage of someone's vulnerable position (such as homelessness, addiction, or immigration status)

When a person younger than 18 is induced to perform a commercial sex act, it is a crime regardless of whether there is any force, fraud or coercion.

Human Trafficking can exist anywhere, even where you least expect it:

- Hotels/Motels
- Truck stops
- Conventions
- Strip clubs
- Carnivals
- Bars and clubs
- The street
- Mom-and-pop stores
- Major sporting events
- Residential brothels
- Hair & nail salons
- Fake massage businesses
- The internet
- Factories
- Domestic services, such as childcare and housekeeping
- mall business
- Hospitality industry
- Farms
- Restaurants and food services
- Begging and peddling rings

## WHO ARE HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS?

**Anyone can be a trafficking victim**, regardless of age, sex or citizenship. A person may be trafficked by a stranger, employer, friend or acquaintance -- even by his or her own partner, spouse, parent or relative.

Victims may be eligible to receive certain benefits and services, such as assistance with:

- Accessing housing
- Health care
- Immigration relief
- Food
- Legal relief
- Cash assistance
- Employment

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## YOU CAN HELP

### IF YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE IS A HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM:

- If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 911.
- Many victims do not speak English and do not understand American culture. Enlist the help of someone who may understand the worker's language and culture, and who you are confident is not connected to the victim's trafficking situation.
- Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.
- You can also report your tip online at [traffickingresourcecenter.org](http://traffickingresourcecenter.org).
- The Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. All reports are confidential, callers may remain anonymous, and interpreters are available.



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