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# A for Advocacy

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## Human Traffic

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked in countries around the world, including the United States..



*Our mission is to bridge the gaps in the availability of information and resources that impede and discourage victims/families trying to deal with the aftermath of violent death, undetermined deaths, & attempted homicides.*

### Indicators of Human Trafficking

- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
- Has a child stopped attending school?
- Has the person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- Is a juvenile engaged in commercial sex acts?
- Is the person disoriented or confused, or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
- Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
- Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?
- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Is the person living in unsuitable conditions?
- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?

### Newsletter Spotlight

**To report suspected human trafficking:**

\* **1-866-347-2423**

**To get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline:**

\* **1-888-373-7888**  
 or text **HELP** or **INFO** to **BeFree (233733)**

[More Details: https://www.nij.gov/topics/crime/human-trafficking/pages/](https://www.nij.gov/topics/crime/human-trafficking/pages/)

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