

What You Need to Know About Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is exploitation-based and has two forms:

- **Sex Trafficking** in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age
- **Labor Trafficking** which involves the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery

The AMP Model

The AMP Model is used as a basic assessment tool. If one component from each column is present, it is likely human trafficking has occurred.

Action

Recruits
Harbors
Transports
Provides
Obtains
Attempts these actions

Means

Force
Fraud
Coercion

Purpose

Commercial
Sex Acts

Labor or
Services

Debt Bondage

Human Smuggling is transportation-based. Not to be confused with human trafficking, human smuggling is defined as the importation of one or more people into the United States involving deliberate evasion of immigration laws.

Common Human Trafficking Indicators

- Does the individual work or live in an environment with high security measures (boarded up windows, security cameras, etc.)?
- Are they able to take breaks at work?
- Is the person free to come and go as they please?
- Does the individual receive little or no wages for their work?
- Does the person allude to owing a debt?
- Does the person have access to and control of their travel/identification documents?
- Do they have multiple identities that include names, birthdays, and addresses?
- Are signs of malnourishment, trauma, fatigue, or abuse present?

- Do they discuss a pimp, manager, or noticeably older intimate partner?
- Was the individual forced to perform sex acts?
- Have they been physically harmed or deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care or other life necessities?
- Has the individual or their family been threatened with harm as a consequence of attempting to escape?
- Were they recruited for one purpose but used for another?
- Can they list their address but fail to describe how to get to their home?
- Do they describe frequent travel?
- Does the person have a history of truancy?

Sources: US Department of Homeland Security, www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign; Polaris Project, "Recognizing the Signs" and "Human Trafficking"