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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

AWARENESS TOOLKIT



Knowledge can save a life.
Learn the signs, take action,
and help bring someone home.



You may be the reason
someone gets their life back.

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KNOW THE SIGNS

Human trafficking can happen to anyone, anywhere.
Look for these common indicators:



BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS

- Appears fearful, anxious, depressed, or submissive
- Avoids eye contact or is distrustful
- Has a scripted or inconsistent story
- Shows signs of coaching or control



SOCIAL INDICATORS

- Isolates from friends, family, or community
- New "friend" or partner shows controlling behavior
- Sudden change in appearance, clothes, or possessions



PHYSICAL INDICATORS

- Unexplained bruises, cuts, or injuries
- Signs of malnourishment or poor hygiene
- Tattoos or branding (names, symbols, barcodes)



LIVING SITUATION INDICATORS

- Lives in hotels, motels, cars, or unstable housing
- Frequent moves or unknown address
- Presence of surveillance or security measures



CONTROL & EXPLOITATION INDICATORS

- Someone else speaks for them
- Restricted freedom of movement
- Lack of access to money, ID, or personal belongings
- Under 18 and involved in commercial sex



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- Unexplained wealth or gifts
- Paid with inconsistent stories about work
- Works long hours for little or no pay



WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. It is a crime and a violation of human rights. It can happen in any community and to any person—regardless of age, gender, race, or background.



Awareness is the first step. Action is the next.



PREVENTION

We can all play a role in prevention.



STAY INFORMED

Educate yourself and others about the realities of human trafficking.



TALK OPENLY

Create safe spaces for honest conversations—especially with youth.



BE MINDFUL ONLINE

Report suspicious online activity and be aware of online grooming behaviors.



SUPPORT & EMPOWER

Support organizations that provide resources, shelter, and hope to survivors.



TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If something doesn't feel right, speak up.

*Compassion. Awareness. Action.
Together, we can bring them home.*



REPORT IT

If you see something, say something.
Your report could save a life.



CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888

Text: 233733 (BEFREE)
Live chat: humantraffickinghotline.org
Available 24/7 • Confidential • Free



CALL 911

If someone is in immediate danger,
call your local emergency number.



REPORT ONLINE

humantraffickinghotline.org/report-trafficking
or visit the website of the National
Human Trafficking Hotline.



CONTACT YOUR LOCAL RESOURCES

Reach out to local shelters, law enforcement,
or victim services in your area.



**YOU CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS.
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**



WHAT YOU CAN DO



Be kind and nonjudgmental.
Show compassion and listen.



Ask if they need help.
You can make a difference by simply asking.



Provide resources.
Share hotline numbers or local services.



Don't try to intervene alone.
Your safety matters. Report it to the authorities.



Keep supporting.
Recovery takes time. Survivors need ongoing support and community.



**BE THE REASON
SOMEONE IS FOUND.
BE THE REASON
THEY ARE FREE.**



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