



HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS THE OPPRESSION OF MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN THROUGH FORCED LABOR OR COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.

Human Trafficking is an affront to human dignity, affecting people of every age, gender, ethnicity, immigration status, and socioeconomic background. Trafficking occurs in urban, suburban and rural communities throughout Texas. Trafficking often happens in plain sight, so community members can help prevent trafficking by recognizing indicators.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING INDICATORS

LABOR TRAFFICKING

- Workers arrive and leave at the same time/are brought to the location by a manager.
- Workers not having possession or control of their documents (ID, passport, license, travel documents).
- Workers are sleep deprived, have poor hygiene, or fail to make eye contact.
- Workers have untreated medical conditions/appear malnourished, dehydrated, etc.
- Employers illegally taxing, garnishing, or withholding of wages, or irregular pay.

SEX TRAFFICKING

- Excessive male foot traffic in and out of hotel room/s rented by the same person.
- Excessive phone calls to the front desk.
- Requesting rooms that have a "sight" advantage (to be able to see cars in and out of the parking lot and on the main street).
- Many cars circling the parking lot and drivers ending up at the same room.
- Garbage cans full of condoms.
- Person not having access to their own ID, cell phone, or money.

REPORTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

To report suspected human trafficking, contact iWatchTexas at 844-643-2251 or www.iWatchTx.org.

Dial 911 in an emergency.

To obtain services for a human trafficking victim, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888 or text 233733.



Hotel employees are required to receive annual human trafficking training, and they MAY NOT be disciplined, retaliated against, or otherwise discriminated against for making a good faith report of suspected human trafficking.