

National Human Trafficking Hotline

Text 233733 or Call 888-373-7888

24/7 · Toll free

Confidential · 200+ languages

In an emergency call 911 or contact local authorities.

Indicators of Human Trafficking

Human traffickers recruit, transport, and exploit their victims via roadways, railways, waterways, and airways in urban, rural, and tribal communities. Victims/traffickers can be of any age, race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, ability, nationality, citizenship, or socioeconomic background. ▶▶▶



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**HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**

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- Controlled movement, identification, money, documents, luggage, and speech
- Signs of physical/emotional distress, abuse, or branding
- Improper clothing for weather or travel route
- May travel with few/no belongings
- Logistically unaware of where they are, where they are going, or where they have been
- Answers may sound scripted/inconsistent
- May not know fellow traveler or who is picking them up
- May purchase in-person, one-way, last-minute or same-day tickets
- May use prepaid credit cards and gift cards
- References frequent travel to other cities or towns

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