



# REPORT SUSPECTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**National Human Trafficking Hotline**  
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BRAKES ON  
HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING**

## Indicators of Human Trafficking

Human traffickers use transportation systems to recruit, transport, and exploit their victims in Native communities. Victims/traffickers can be of any age, race, ethnicity, sex, ability, nationality, citizenship, or socioeconomic background. Look for signs when you're on the road and passing through train stations, bus stations, rest areas, and transit centers.

When you see multiple indicators of human trafficking, report your suspicion.

**If something doesn't seem right, don't dismiss it.  
Trust your instincts.**

### For Supportive Services:

**StrongHearts Native Helpline (24/7)**

**Call/Text: 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483)**

**Chat Online: [StrongHeartsHelpline.org](https://StrongHeartsHelpline.org)**

- 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, where they have been, or who is picking them up
- Answers may sound scripted/inconsistent
- May purchase in-person, one-way, last-minute, or same-day tickets
- References frequent travel to other cities or towns
- Signs of struggle, discarded clothing, and/or personal items in construction areas, rail yards, along highways, and transportation hubs

***Do not attempt to confront a suspected trafficker or engage with a victim.***



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